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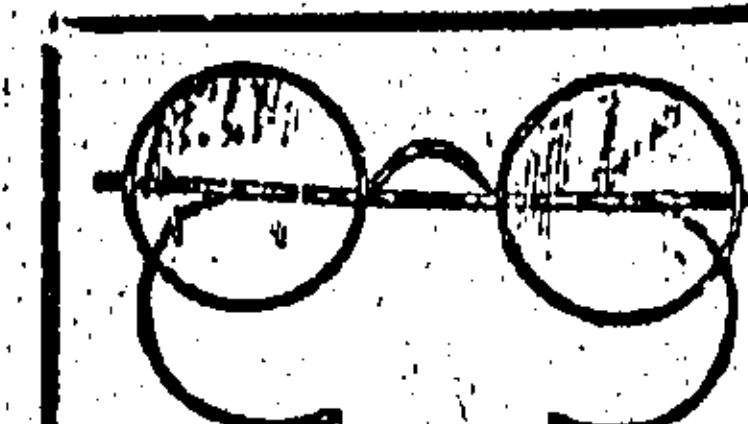
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#### UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 P.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.	
Kowloon Dep.	8.55	9.00	9.34	9.05	10.09	12.01	1.18	2.34	3.00	4.30	5.40	7.45	
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.44	—	—	9.15	10.09	12.10	1.28	—	—	4.58	6.08	7.53	
Shatin ...Dep.	8.56	—	—	9.29	10.20	12.22	1.33	—	—	4.50	6.00	8.03	
Tai Po ...Dep	7.10	—	—	9.49	10.39	12.35	1.51	—	—	5.04	6.18	8.17	
Tai Po													
Market Dep.	7.15	—	—	9.49	10.37	12.34	1.55	—	—	5.08	6.17	8.22	
Fanning ...Dep.	7.25	—	—	—	10.00	10.47	12.49	2.03	—	5.18	6.27	8.33	
Sheng- shui ...Dep.	7.30	—	—	9.01	10.05	10.59	12.54	2.10	3.18	—	5.23	6.32	8.37
Shun- chun ...Arr.	7.38	8.40	9.07	10.11	10.58	1.00	2.16	3.19	2.40	5.29	6.39	8.43	
Canton ...Arr.	—	12.34	—	5.49	—	—	—	—	7.34	—	—	—	

#### DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 P.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.
Canton Dep.	—	—	—	—	8.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.25
Shing Mun Dep.	7.13	7.59	10.34	11.41	12.19	2.35	4.39	5.47	6.51	7.19	—	—
Shing Mun Arr.	7.40	9.04	10.48	11.49	—	2.42	4.46	5.53	7.00	—	—	—
Fanning Dep.	7.23	9.10	10.47	11.57	—	2.46	4.50	5.58	—	—	—	—
Tai Po Market Dep.	7.34	9.21	10.57	12.03	—	2.50	4.54	6.02	—	—	—	—
Tai Po Dep.	7.40	9.28	11.01	12.05	—	2.54	4.58	6.06	—	—	—	—
Shatin Dep.	7.53	9.39	11.14	12.19	—	3.15	5.17	6.25	—	—	—	—
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.08	9.51	11.25	12.31	—	3.27	5.29	6.38	—	—	—	—
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## BRITAIN'S TRAFFIC SYSTEM.

### ABOLITION OF THE TRAMS.

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These are a few of the far-reaching proposals for the improvement of the whole of Britain's traffic system made by the Royal Commission on Transport.

All who travel are affected by the recommendations—motorists, people who use the railways to get to and from work, and millions of daily tramway passengers. Harbours, canals, coastwise shipping also come within the scope of the report.

The Commission was appointed in August, 1928, under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, and has already presented two reports.

On these earlier reports the new traffic laws and highway code have largely been based.

The main recommendations and observations of the Commission are:

#### Railways.

"There has been practically no improvement in locomotive speed in this country during the last 80 years. Many of the present schedules are a positive invitation to motor competition."

"Services should be speeded up and made more convenient to the travelling public."

"We are satisfied that in many instances fares charged by the railways have been excessive, and we venture to suggest that a general revision and lowering of fares would do far more towards the recovery of their passenger traffic than the methods adopted by them at present."

"The Commission finds that the public objects to the 'irritating conditions' attached to cheap day and week-end trips."

#### The Seats Question.

"Pointing to the fact that a passenger who books for a motor coach journey is assured of a seat and that a railway passenger is not, the Commission suggests that the railway companies should be placed under a statutory obligation to provide a seat for each passenger."

who joins a main line train at its starting point and that great efforts should be made to accommodate passengers joining a train at stations on the route.

The Commission doubts the wisdom of the railway companies' policy of establishing road services themselves, and expresses the view that the money would be better applied to the electrification of their suburban lines.

#### Highways.

The Commission does not support the expenditure of 'very large additional sums' of public money on the provision of new arterial roads, but urges that the activities of the local road authorities and of the Ministry of Transport should be concentrated on:

- Complete reconstruction of many existing roads;
- Widening of roads;
- Improvement of road junctions and lines of sight;
- Construction of by-pass roads;
- Strengthening of weak bridges;
- Freeing of toll-bridges and roads; and
- The progressive reconstruction of built-up areas.

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## Diary of Coming Events.

**To-day, (February 4.)**  
Queen's Theatre: "Romance."  
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).  
Star Theatre: "Flying Fleet."  
Central Theatre: "With Byrd at the South Pole."  
Hunting: Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (Totts' Bungalow).  
Lecture at University, Dr. J. H. Montgomery on Radium, 8.30 p.m.  
Navy (U.S.N.C. ground) 4.30 p.m.  
Farwell performances of the Westminster Glen Singers: Matinee at 3 p.m. Evening, 8.15 p.m.  
T. Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.  
European Mail: Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

**Friday, (February 5.)**  
Queen's Theatre: "Men of the North."  
Star Theatre: "Last Warning."  
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).  
Queen's College, Prize giving (H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E. presiding).  
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.  
Distribution of Prizes at Government Vernacular Middle School, 11 a.m.  
Tea Party to Sir William Hornell, University, 4.30 p.m.  
European Mail: Inward: Europe via Suez (Takada) and (Antenor).

**Saturday, (February 6.)**  
Queen's Theatre: "Men of the North."  
Star Theatre: "Last Warning."  
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).  
Central Theatre: "With Byrd at the South Pole."  
Helena May Concert, 8.30 p.m.  
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

**Sunday, (February 7.)**  
Queen's Theatre: "Men of the North."  
Star Theatre: "Last Warning."  
World Theatre: "Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).  
Boxing—Hong Kong Boxing Association Tournament (Theatre Royal).  
Cricket—Division I: University v. Royal Artillery (L.), Hong Kong C.C. (F.), Indian R.C. v. Civil Service (F.). Division II: Royal Engineers v. Police (L.), Civil Service v. Recreation (L.), Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong (F.).  
Football—Division I: Chinese v. Navy, Highlanders v. Club, S. China v. Borderers. Recreation v. Kowloon. Division II: University v. Navy, S. China v. Chinese, Borderers v. Recreation, St. Joseph's v. Highlanders, Royal Artillery v. Eastern, Club v. Kowloon. Division III: Chinese v. S. China, Ewo v. Fukien, R.A.S.C. v. Royal Air Force.  
Golf—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup.  
Hockey—Cher Clark Cup, Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club.  
Hunting—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (the Kennels), 3.15 p.m.  
Rugby—Interport Probables v. Services.  
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.  
European Mail: Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 9.30 a.m.

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## THE LIGHTER SIDE.

A train was pulled up by the signals when round the bend came a pedestrian. "I say," called out the guard, "what are you doing on the line? You'll be killed."

"Killed be blowed," answered the self-satisfied pedestrian. "I've come here out of the way of the motors."

## SAFETY LAST.

SOME AMERICAN MOTORING EPITAPHS. Lies slumbering here one William Lake;

He heard the bell but had no brake. At fifty miles drove Allie Pidd; He thought he wouldn't skid, but did.

At ninety miles drove Eddie Shown; The motor stopped; but Ed kept on.

Here he sleeps, one Johnny Fonker; He rounded a turn without a honker.

Down in the creek sleeps Jerry Bass; The bridge was narrow; he tried to pass.

Here lies the body of William Jay, Who died maintaining his right-of-way.

Here's all what's left of Harry; At the cross roads he did not tarry. John William Jones lies under this thistle;

He didn't heed the engine's whistle.

Motorist (after knocking over a butcher's boy): "Are you hurt, my lad?"

Butcher's Boy (picking up contents of his basket): "Dunno; here's me liver and ribs, but where's me kidneys?"

Magistrate: "What on earth do you mean by racing through the village at sixty miles an hour?"

Lady Motorist: "It was like this. My brakes had gone wrong, so I was getting home as fast as I could before I had an accident."

A man who rarely pays his bills went to Olympia and bought the biggest and fastest car he could find there.

Somebody who had an account with him saw the transaction and asked him what he meant by buying a car, and such a car, when he did not pay his bills.

## MOTOR NOTES.

## NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE.

## THE CAR OF THE FUTURE.

"That," he replied, "is my chief reason for buying a fast car."

Over-Cautious Driver: "What was that that whizzed by?"

Passenger (used to sports model): "It passed too quickly to see properly, but I think it was a traction engine."

"My wife has a tongue like a motor-car."

"How's that?"

"Well, she's always using it to run people down."

Dear Old Lady: "Don't you think you drive awfully fast?"

Young Blood: "Just a bit. I touched sixty last Sunday going to Brighton."

D.O.L.: "And didn't you kill any?"

"You say you lost control of your car. How was that?"

"I got behind with the instalments."

The car did not give them a dog's chance. It was on them before you could say "knife." The farmer and his wife were bowled over and they rolled into the gutter, considerably bruised. And, as so often happens, the juggernaut dashed on without stopping.

A policeman ran up to give assistance to the damaged couple. "Did you get the number of the car?" inquired the P.C.

"Yes," muttered the man, as audibly as he could. "Curiously enough, the first two figures were my age and the last two my wife's age."

"What were the figures?" inquired the law, as it licked a pencil.

"They were four, nine . . ."

The wife sat up for the first time. "George," she snapped, "we will say no more about the matter."

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## CAR RACES IN THE PARKS.

A suggestion that motor-car road racing should be permitted in a big London park was made by Earl Howe, the racing motorist, when addressing the Southampton Round Table.

Earl Howe deplored the fact that road racing was illegal in England, and remarked:

"I am perfectly certain that this country is much poorer for not having it. There is nothing to look forward to in this direction from legislation, but it could be done if the First Commissioner of Works could be induced to permit by executive order road racing in one of the big parks, say Richmond Park, or some other park of that character."

"It would not interfere with the general enjoyment of the park if racing were permitted, and it would provide a wonderful spectacle."

Referring to the fact that very few British firms seemed to take part in road races in Ireland and abroad, Earl Howe said:

"If our manufacturers stand off from road racing altogether, as there seems to be a certain danger of their doing, they will undoubtedly hand over the development of the motor-car to the foreigner."

## IMPORTANT TRACTION ORDERS.

The General Electric Co., Ltd., of Magnet House, Kingsway, London, has received an order for the supply of some 200 heavy traction motors for the new rolling stock required in connection with the Cockfosters-Hounslow extension of the Piccadilly line.

This order constitutes the ninth successive order for electric traction equipment received by the G.E.C. from the London Underground in the past few years, and when completed will bring the

total of modern heavy railway motors of G.E.C. manufacture in use on Underground cars to nearly 2,000. The General Electric Co. has also received, through the Birmingham

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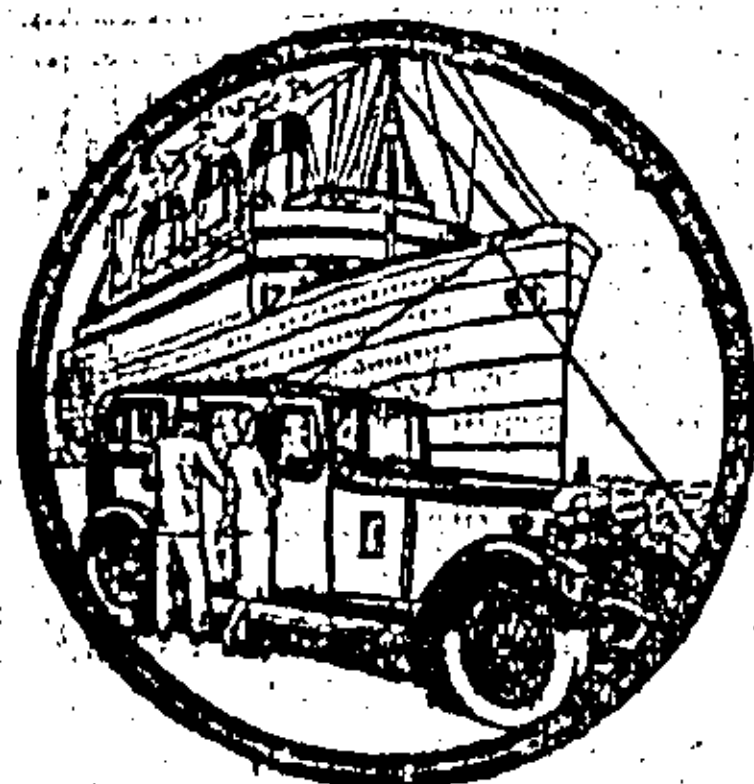
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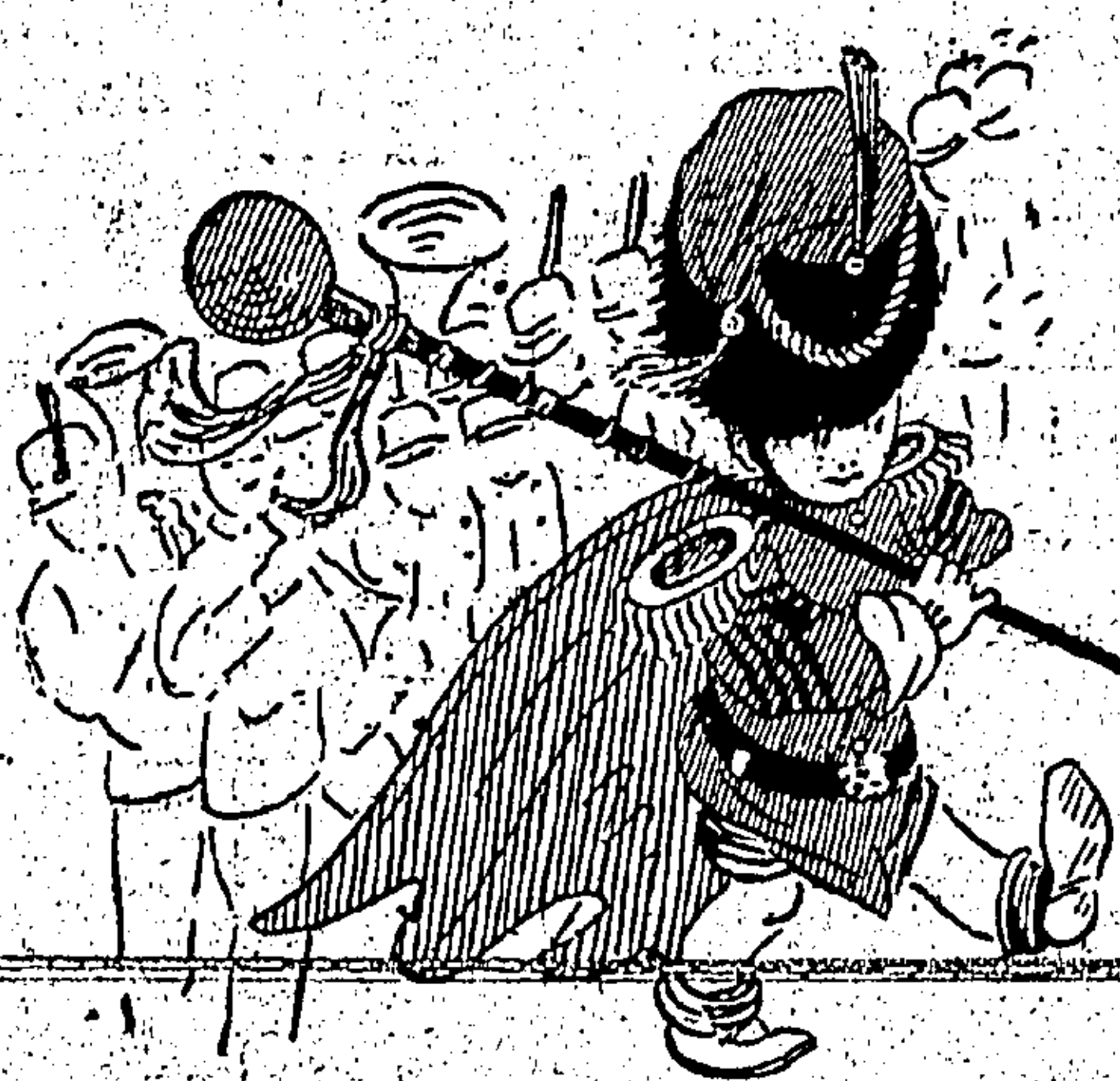
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# MOTOR NOTES

## CHOOSING COACHWORK.

### BODIES AND FITTINGS.

A bewildering variety of bodies is now offered to the motoring public, for even on a really cheap chassis the manufacturer may list five or six types of coachwork, while body-builders may advertise a dozen proprietary bodies for popular cars. The taste of individual owners varies over wide limits; but for owners of limited experience a discussion founded on many purchases may serve to clear the air. The first problem is the choice between open and closed bodies. All closed bodies suffer from a serious disadvantage. No matter how ingeniously a portion of the top is arranged to open, the remaining portions obstruct the passengers' view when traversing fine scenery. On the other hand, a closed car is plainly desirable during perhaps nine months of an average British year, and is at once quieter and more durable than almost any existing convertible body. Six months ago too many closed cars were liable to give the occupants a bad headache, but as this tendency is vastly reduced in the 1931 models, there is no longer cause to advocate the open body.

When decision has been made in favour of a closed car, much material for discussion remains. Should the body be fabric or steel or composite? Fabric is lighter than metal; it is less affected by external temperature, owing to its double cavity walls. On the other hand, it is less durable than cellulose metal panelling, and a small tear may necessitate re-covering quite a large area, as the fabric is attached in large sheets. It offers comparatively little protection to passengers in the event of a serious crash or of a capsize. The welded steel body is only obtainable on cars with a large output, because the high cost of the dies is prohibitive unless a great many bodies are built. These welded steel bodies maintain their silence at least as long as any other type. They are, as a rule, susceptible of local repairs at a reasonable price. They offer the maximum protection in accidents. They are easily repaired. They have indeed, no drawbacks except that they are extremely hot in sultry weather. The composite body is the only alternative to fabric in cars built in limited quantities. They are constructed from wooden skeletons, filled in with metal panels. Unless they are beautifully made and carefully maintained, they are apt to generate tiresome noises, whereas a fabric body, constructed under Weymann patents, should remain as quiet as a homogeneous steel structure. I prefer the Weymann body to any composite pattern.

### Doors and Lockers.

The three most popular closed bodies are the two-door saloon, the four-door saloon, and the various forms of coupé. There is not one word to be urged in favour of the

two-door saloon except its cheapness. Four doors should be specified whenever funds permit. The two seater coupé is a very pleasant body for owners who seldom desire to convey additional passengers; it usually contains a couple of emergency rear seats. Emergency rear seats are an asset by reason of their discomfort when one wishes to discourage undesirable companions, but a nuisance when the additional companions are real friends. The so-called "close-coupled sports coupé" is usually our old enemy, the two-door saloon under a grandiose name, and suffers from all the defects of its type; it has no merits apart from its racy appearance.

The modern closed car often incorporates a bulged tail, inside which is a locker for suitcases. These lockers may be a very charming asset or a snare and a delusion. They should, of course, be ready fitted with special suitcases. If supplied unfitted, they will never under any circumstances accommodate the family's existing cases, and the provision of proper cases may add £15 to the cost of the car, for the locker dimensions never lend themselves to standard sizes of case. But even if cases are fitted, the locker may be a nuisance. For example, a five-seater car may be fitted with only three cases; and these three cases may be far too small to satisfy their users. Meanwhile the existence of the tail bulge may prevent the owner from fitting a grid, to which he can fix adequate cases. Thus the locker should hold a sufficient number of capacious cases, ready fitted by the manufacturer; otherwise, it is a liability rather than an asset.

### Upholstery.

Some cheap cars still suffer from most uncomfortable seating. Pneumatic cushions are the cheapest substitute for the luxury of really expensive spring seats, and are in fact just about as comfortable as any alternative. The driver's seat should be adjustable for reach; and if several persons drive the car in turns, the adjustment should be of the lightning type, and demand no tools. A central arm-rest between the rear seats is very valuable; otherwise the rear passengers will be slung against each other whenever a corner is taken fast. On long runs there should be some form of armrest outside each seat. The door handles should be accessible inside the car; and every seat except the driving-seat should have a grip by which the occupant can raise himself from his semi-recumbent position when he wishes to leave the car. If the car is long footrests will enhance the comfort of short passengers. In purchasing American cars the angles of the seats and their backs should be considered; some imported cars still seat their occupants in positions which approach the vertical far too closely for comfort.

The provision of external fittings may usually be left to the experience of the manufacturer. Bumpers, fenders and fenders are necessities in these days of crowded garages and parking-places. A spotlight goes far to relieve the driver of arm-signals. A fog-lamp is essential in winter.

## CAR SALES IN 1930.

### BIGGER TYPES BECOMING MORE POPULAR.

Although there are no official statistics of the sales of new cars, an almost exact idea of what has been done is to be obtained from the figures of new registrations periodically issued by the Ministry of Transport. These registrations for the past year—to be precise, for the twelve months ending October 31 last, for the returns for the calendar year are not yet available—are more than ordinarily interesting and suggestive. They show, as was to be expected, a decline in the number of new cars going into private ownership compared with the previous twelve months, and more notably they indicate a falling off in the numbers of small cars and a pronounced rise in types of higher power. They confirm that there is a marked tendency on the part of the public to buy cars of what is known as the family type—cars of the roomy type, and with power, and reserve of power, for general use.

The registrations for this twelve-month period have been analysed month by month, and in the various horse-power categories, by *The Autocar*, and a study of the figures further confirms this changing taste of the car-buying public. The total figure of 164,310 compares with that of 166,764 for the corresponding previous twelve months, a drop of 11,954, heavy enough to be serious. But the various horse-power categories are much more interesting. The 6-h.p. class, which comprises all the "baby" type of cars, registered 39,323 new cars, compared with 38,631 for the previous twelve months. This gives an increase of only 1,192, which indicates a marked check in the popularity of this type. The 10-h.p. class, which had been winning its way back to a fairly high position, registers an increase of only 1,054—10,043 as against 8,989 for the previous twelve months. The 12-h.p. car, once easily the first, being well ahead of all others in numbers, now in new registrations suffers a serious decline, the latest figures being 25,432, compared with the previous total of 30,446. Even greater decline is shown by the 14-h.p. car, once the most in demand in the medium-power type. In the twelve months ended October last the registrations were only 2,166, compared with 11,520 for the previous period. The falling off in popularity in this case has been remarkably rapid.

This is due in large measure to the coming of new 15-h.p. cars, the little more power being welcome in itself, but still more welcome being the modern layout and modern equipment, all at little more if indeed any higher tax, since most of the 14-h.p. cars were really 14.9-h.p., and so carried a £15 tax. The 15-h.p. class has surged ahead. It has made more progress, relatively, than any other type, the registrations being 22,023 compared with 9,355 for the previous twelve months. In the models of still higher power the 20, the 24, and the 25 h.p. cars have made good progress, but most of the others show a small decline. The 20-h.p. has increased from 3,193 to 3,567, a gain of 399; the 24-h.p. has a bigger increase with 4,430 as against 2,915, a gain of 1,515; and the 25-h.p., which included the car now carrying the fluid flywheel and the automatic gear change, has 606 registrations compared with 654 for the previous period. One type stands in magnificent solitude, the 55-h.p. class, of which one new car alone was registered in May last.

## MAN STRUCK BY PEER'S CAR.

### JURY HOLD DRIVER WAS NOT TO BLAME.

### BROUGHT TO INQUEST ON A STRETCHER.

A jury exonerated the Earl of Clarendon at a Wembley inquest on Mr. B. Moran, who was knocked down by the Earl's car.

Lord Clarendon, who has been appointed to succeed the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Union of South Africa, lives at Pitt House, Hampstead, N.W.

Mrs. Sarah Moran, who was also involved in the accident, was brought into court on a stretcher, and placed near the Coroner, Mr. George Cohen.

She said that she was getting better. Her husband had good hearing, but the vision of his left eye was defective. At the time of the accident they crossed the Ealing Road together at Alperton, and they thought the road was clear. She could not remember the accident or anything following it.

Before Mrs. Moran was taken back to the hospital, Mr. Russell Vick expressed the sympathy and regret of the Earl and the Countess of Clarendon and their hopes for Mrs. Moran's speedy recovery.

### Arm in Arm.

Miss Olive May Western said that she saw a car coming along at what she thought was a normal speed. Mr. Moran and his wife stood on the edge of the pavement for a fraction of a second and then, holding each other's arms, crossed the road at a fast rate. The car, which was on its right side, knocked them down.

## THE MINUTE THAT SEEMS A YEAR

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By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



WHEN YOU'VE HAD ONLY A LIGHT LUNCHEON AT HOME, ON ACCOUNT OF BEING INVITED TO COUSIN ELLA'S FOR THE EVENING MEAL ON THANKSGIVING DAY, AND WHEN YOU GET THERE COUSIN ELLA ANNOUNCES SHE'S HAVING JUST A LIGHT SUPPER BECAUSE SHE KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE EATING ANOTHER BIG THANKSGIVING DINNER.

"If they had looked they would have seen the car," said Miss Western. "I would not have crossed myself at that moment."

Samuel Street, an L.G.O.C. bus driver, said that he was going towards Ealing in the opposite direction to the car. In his opinion the car was going too fast round the bend.

Replying to Mr. Russell Vick, the bus driver said that the lighting at

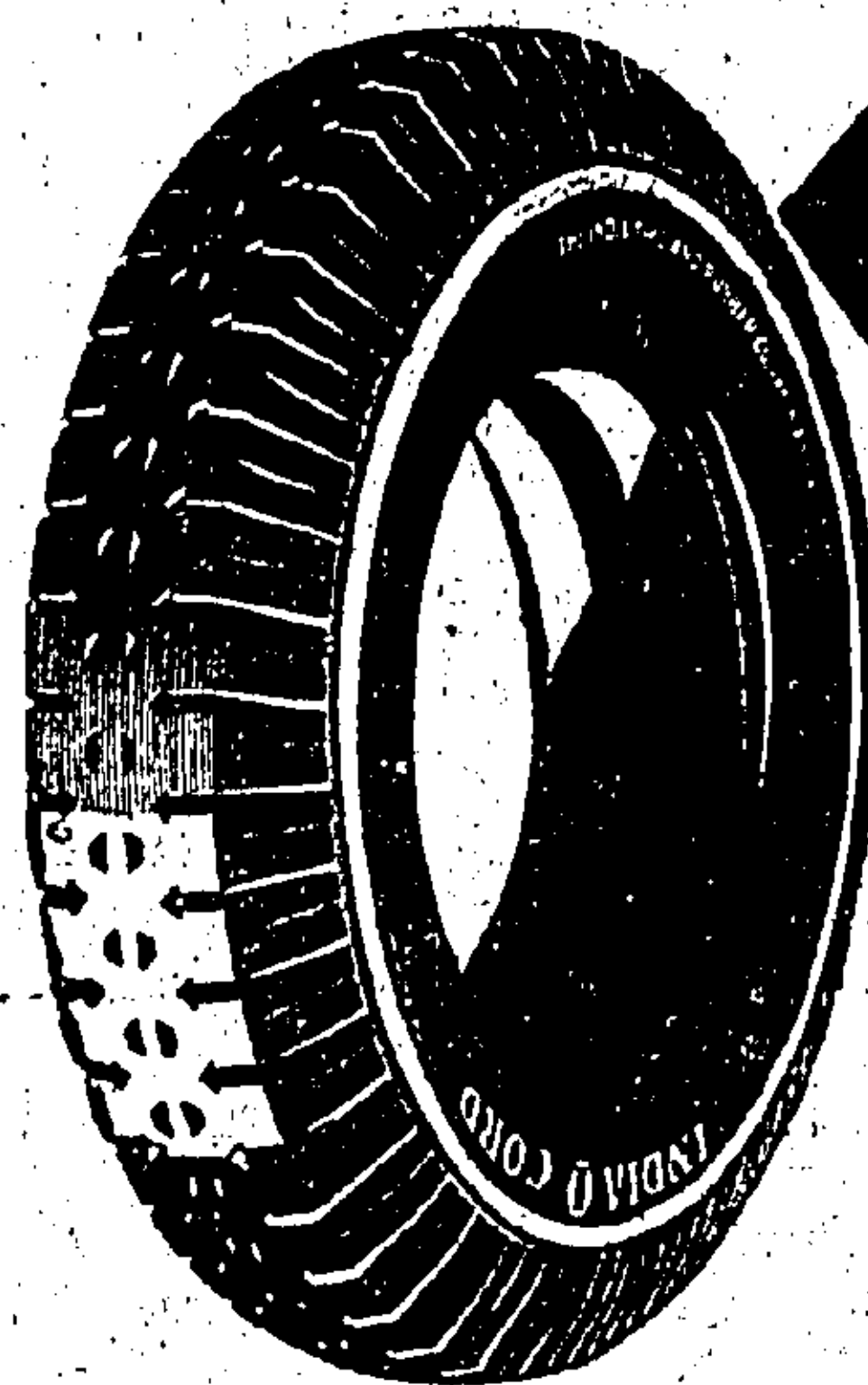
that point was poor, there being many shadows.

Lord Clarendon added that he instantly applied his brakes and swerved to the right, but he knew he had knocked them down for he felt the impact.

The Countess of Clarendon, who was sitting next to her husband in the car, also gave evidence.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. They expressed the opinion that Moran was not taking due care.

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## HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENSUS DEVELOPMENT.

NUMBERING THE PEOPLE IN BABYLONIA, CHINA, EGYPT, PALESTINE, ROME AND GREECE.

UNFORTUNATE EFFECT OF A BIBLICAL PRECEDENT.

The word "Census," without other qualification, is now almost solely used to denote the enumeration of the people, periodically undertaken in most civilised countries of the world.

The Latin term "census" originally meant an enumeration of the people by the Roman Censors. The Censors, besides being concerned with the official registration of the Roman citizens (census), were also in charge of public morals (regime morum); they made arrangements for the valuation of property, the collection of the public revenue and the execution of public works. The Roman Census had, therefore, special regard to fiscal matters and to the question of the rights and obligations of citizenship; the statistic and economic aspect of the enumeration of the people which is more prominent now was almost ignored.

## SOME EXAMPLES FROM ANTIQUITY.

### Babylonia.

An enumeration of the people would appear to have taken place in Babylonia at a very early date, certainly prior to B.C. 3000. Our knowledge of this is derived from a series of some 30,000 tablets (now mainly in the British Museum), dated about B.C. 2500 to 2300, which describe an elaborate system of fiscal or revenue control by which the wealth of the country could be estimated minutely. Careful statistics not only of persons, but also of live stock, asses and oxen were drawn up and butter, honey, milk, wool, and even vegetables were inventoried. The surveys appear to have been made at intervals of about 6 or 7 years.

### Egypt.

In Egypt the construction of the pyramids demanded a considerable body of statistics. These are believed to have been compiled about 3050 B.C. About 2300 B.C. and again 1400 B.C. map of the country and statistical data were compiled. An elaborate registration system was in force and for census purposes the country was divided into administrative units.

### China.

In China also there appear to have been very early enumerations of the people. In the Analects (Leggo Chap. X.) Confucius is stated to have bowed his head forward over the front rail of his car or chair as a mark of respect to the census-bearer. There is also a reference in the Chau Lai (the laws of the Chau Dynasty) to the officer who was "in charge of the entering up of the number of the myriad people." All those who have teeth and upwards (i.e., over eight months old in the case of males and seven months in the case of females according to the commentator) are entered on tables, with a note of their various regional distinctions and with annual entries of deaths. Every third year there was a special enumeration and the number of the myriad people was reported to the census officer, who in winter on a particular day of sacrifice offered the census roll to the Emperor, and placed it in the sacred treasury.

### The Hebrews.

The Hebrew Census was ordinarily undertaken with the object of ascertaining the number of adult males available for military service. The first biblical record of an enumeration of the people is in the Book of Exodus (XXX. 11-16) where it is stated that Moses was directed to number the children of Israel. The assigned date of this is B.C. 1491. The first systematic census is that, however, recorded in Numbers (I. 1-40) as taken by Moses and Aaron during the wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness of Sinai (about B.C. 1400). The number of adult males was found to be 603,550 exclusive of the Levites whose duties as ministers of the Tabernacle rendered them exempt on this occasion, though separate censuses of them were subsequently made (Numbers III. 14-22; IV. 34-40; I. Chronicles XXIII. 2).

Nearly 600 years appear to have passed before any further numbering occurred. In B.C. 1017 a notable census was carried out by King David, through the unwilling agency of Joab, who was directed to go through all the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beersheba and to number the people. There are two accounts of this Census (II. Samuel XXIV. 1-17 and I. Chronicles XXI. 1-6) which appears to have been undertaken primarily for military purposes. According to the book of Samuel "the valiant men who drew the sword" of Judah and Israel numbered 1,300,000. This

number was probably, however, incomplete as it is stated in I. Chronicles XXVII. 24 that after numbering for nine months and twenty days Joab "finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel." According to the book of Chronicles the number of men of Israel and Judah "that drew sword" was set down as 1,570,000.

It has been stated that the biblical account of the Divine wrath, which resulted from the action of David in carrying out this census of the people of Israel, had the effect of delaying the adoption of the census by Christian Europe for many years.

In B.C. 539 a census was taken of the "Children of the Captivity" (Ezra II. 1-61, and Nehemiah VII. 6-60) with a record of their servants, their horses, mules, camels and asses.

Other occasions are also mentioned in the Bible when from time to time the Hebrew people or single tribes were enumerated.

### Greece.

In ancient Greece the various classes of citizenship, their privileges, obligations, property, and taxes demanded the institution of statistical enquiries of a systematic character. In Solon's census (B.C. 594) the people were divided into four classes according to the returns of their property, estimated in wheat; this system appears to have remained in force until the time of Herodotus (see Book II. c. 117), i.e., about 450 B.C. A census taken in Athens in 390 B.C. distinguished the different classes in the population, there being 21,000 citizens, half that number of aliens and nineteen or twenty times that number of slaves.

### Rome.

The object and the nature of the Roman Census has already been referred to at the beginning of this article. The information collected was mainly used for the apportionment of rights and duties and little, if any, use appears to have been made of it for those sociological and other purposes for which statistical knowledge is now deemed so valuable. The Roman Census was, however, found to be of such benefit for the purposes for which it was designed that it came to be a regular and recognised Roman institution conducted at frequent intervals, generally every fifth year.

There are several censuses recorded by Livy, the Roman historian (born B.C. 59):—

- (i.) B.C. 457 "The census commenced in the preceding year is completed, the number of citizens being 117,310." (Livy III. 24.)
- (ii.) B.C. 393 "Cornelius now closed the lustrum, the number of citizens being rated at 145,704." (Livy XXXV. 9.)
- (iii.) B.C. 188 "The Companies were directed by the Censors, in accordance with a decree of the Senate issued the preceding year, to be included in the general Census of Rome. Marcus Claudius Marcellus, the Censor, closed the lustrum, 259,308 citizens being rated." (Livy XXXVIII. 36.)
- (iv.) B.C. 173 "This year the lustrum was closed. At this census 260,015 Roman citizens were rated." (Livy XLII. 10.)

There are also two Roman censuses mentioned in the New Testament—St. Luke II. 1 and Acts V. 37. Several censuses are also mentioned in the Bible as taken in the latter part of the second century. In A.D. 48 the Emperor Claudius closed the lustrum, the number of citizens enumerated amounting to 5,984,079. This number, however, only included the males between the ages of 17 and 60 (Tacitus XI. 25).

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## SHANGHAI COURTS TO BE MOVED.

SITE SUGGESTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

The presidents of the Second Branch of the Kiangsu High Court (Dr. Hui Wei Tsun) and the Shanghai Special District Court (Mr. Yang Shao Yung) are contemplating the removal of the two courts from the present busy location to a quieter place and the suggestion has been made that the two judicial institutions should be removed to new quarters in the western district.

The two courts at the present time occupy the buildings which formerly housed the old International Mixed Court in North Chekiang Road, together with a new concrete structure which was erected the year before last for the Special District Court. The buildings formerly occupied by the Mixed Court are more than 30 years old and they are in a dangerous state. They were built at a time when North Chekiang Road was a comparatively quiet spot but, during the recent years, this district has grown by leaps and bounds and it is now one of the busiest sections to the north of the Soochow Creek.

### Present Buildings to be Sold.

In view of this, the two officials consider that the location is unsuitable for any law court so they conferred on the advisability of moving the two institutions to a quieter place, preferably in the western district. Their plan, it is understood, is to sell the present buildings for approximately \$700,000 and to use the proceeds for the purchase of another lot of land and the erection of new buildings.

A visit was recently paid to the western district and land was found, approximately eight mow in area, near Ferry and Gordon Road which the officials thought might be suitable as a site for the new courts. However, the price asked for was too high so endeavours were made to find another piece of land.

Meanwhile, the matter is receiving careful attention and, as soon as land is found, the matter will be referred to the Kiangsu Provincial Government and the Judicial Yuan for approval.—North-China Daily News.

### Middle and Dark Ages.

After the sinking of Rome (A.D. 410) the practice of census-taking fell into disuse and at least 12 hundred years elapsed before the census was adopted by Christian Europe. As already mentioned it is believed that the biblical account of the Divine wrath against David's enumeration of his people discouraged census undertaking. There appeared, however, in the Middle Ages various compilations, more of the nature of cosmographies, dealing in a descriptive manner with different states or countries. Notable examples of these are the Broviary of Charlemagne (A.D. 808), Al Mamun's Description of the Khalifate (A.D. 830), the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror (A.D. 1086), the Land Register of the Danish King, Valdemar II. (A.D. 1231) and Macchiavelli's "Ritratti della Francia e della Allemagna" (A.D. 1515). In the 13th century about the time that Marco Polo visited China, it is stated that a census of Tibet was taken by Kubla Khan.

### Modern Times.

It was not until the 17th century that any regular or systematic census was taken. The credit of first attempting the compilation of population statistics in more modern times belongs to the Canadian Province of Quebec or La Nouvelle France as it was then called, where between the years 1665 and 1754, no fewer than 15 regular censuses were taken.

In Europe registration of local citizenship was commenced in Wurttemberg in 1622 but systematic records of population were not commenced until the 18th century. In 1719 Frederick William I. of Prussia began his half-yearly accounts of population and enumerations of the people took place in Hesse Darmstadt in 1748, Hesse Cassel in 1747, Sweden in 1749, Gotha in 1754 and in many other places.

In the United States of America the first census was taken in 1790. In England and in France the first regular censuses were taken in 1801; in Norway in 1815; in Belgium in 1831; while in later years, during the 19th century, censuses were instituted in nearly all the remaining important countries of the world.

## BRITAIN'S TRAFFIC SYSTEM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

### Tramways.

"Our considered view is that tramways, if not an obsolete form of transport, are at all events in a state of obsolescence and cause much unnecessary congestion and considerable unnecessary danger to the public."

"We recommend, therefore, (a) that no additional tramways should be constructed, and (b) that, though no definite time limit can be laid down, they should gradually disappear and give place to other forms of transport."

Trackless trolleys are put forward as the best substitute for trams.

### Road Taxation.

Points made under this heading are:—

Motorists are paying neither too little nor too much in taxation, but too much of the taxation is being diverted from the construction of roads, with the result that the rate-payers are paying too much.

### Road Fund "Raids."

Other marks by the Commission are:—

No proceeds of motor taxation (including petrol tax) should be diverted from the Road Fund to the detriment of the roads.

"Raids" on the Road Fund present "no redeeming feature" and are "bad finance."

In two years, 1927 and 1928, £10,000,000 was taken from the fund for general revenue purposes.

Rate of duty on vehicles exceeding four tons unladen should be increased; duty on vehicles between nine and ten tons might be as high as £120 a year. No motor vehicle to exceed ten tons unladen.

Road haulers should be placed under special £1 per vehicle licensing system, controlled by Area Traffic Commissioners.

### Useful Canals.

Certain canals still possess considerable value as a means of transport and, properly rationalised and developed, can be made to render useful service.

A number of small ports have been allowed to fall into a state of decay. The best kind of authority to own docks and harbours is a public trust.

Coastwise shipping ports should be prepared for the part they may have to play in an industrial revival.

The Commission is strongly opposed "to any suggestion of privately-owned 'motorways'."

### AN OVERHEAD ROAD.

In a memorandum attached to the report a member of the Commission, Major H. E. Crawford, Liberal ex-M.P. for Walthamstow West, proposes as a means of combating traffic congestion in London, a route from West to East, passing the main line stations in the northern half of London, with an overhead road of the type now

being constructed in New York, which, served by other avenues from the West and North, would remove from the ordinary road level all the traffic serving the great terminus stations.

Further steps would include one great terminus for the Southern Railway south of the Thames, and a double-deck bridge at Charing Cross, the upper road of which would join the overhead road from West to East.

Major Crawford advocates the modernisation of our cities by bold strokes of town planning involving not only streets but buildings. His plan would provide for all the calculable traffic requirements of the future. His view is that the streets should be made to fit the traffic and not the traffic to fit the streets.

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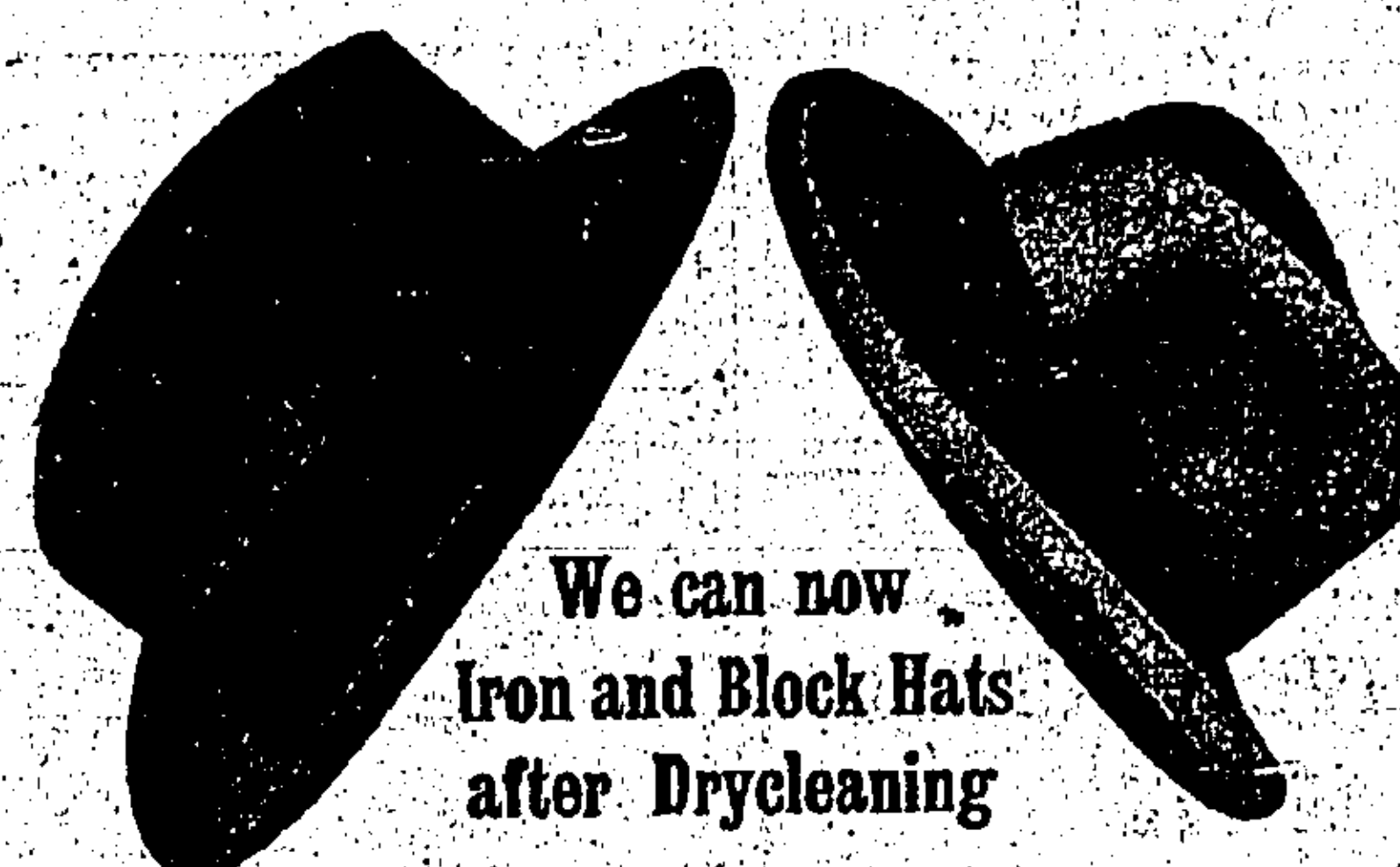
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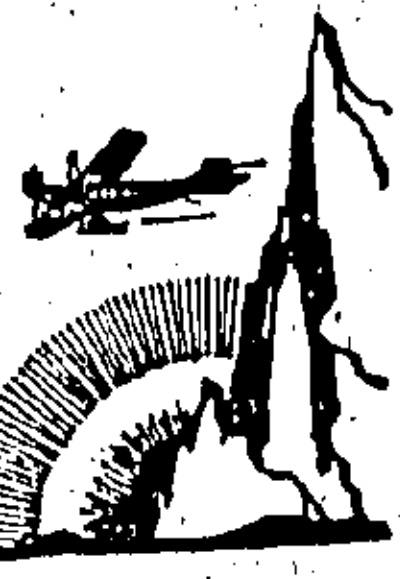
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the Theatre (Tel. 25720).CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
MALARIA.COMPLETE REPORT TO BE  
PUBLISHED.At the Sanitary Board meeting  
yesterday, Mr. Lo asked the fol-  
lowing questions with reference to  
the reports of the Malariaologist:—

"With reference to my questions  
on December 9, 1930, and the  
answers of the Head of the Sanitary  
Department to me of the same  
date, in the course of which he  
stated that the reports of the Ma-  
lariologist on Lyceum and Tai-  
koo were forwarded to the Govern-  
ment by the Hon. the Director of  
Medical and Sanitary Services  
with his recommendations on Octo-  
ber 4 and 14, 1930 respectively,  
that the Government was then not  
in a position to announce its in-  
tentions on the recommendations  
submitted and that the question of  
publishing the recommendations  
had not been considered by Gov-  
ernment:—

"Will the Head of the Sanitary  
Department be good enough to as-  
certain from the Government and  
inform the Board whether the  
Government has now had time to  
reach a decision in regard to the  
publication of the reports of the  
Malariaologist together with the  
director's recommendations, for the  
information of the public?

"Will the Head of the Sanitary  
Department ask the Government  
to supply copies of the documents  
to the members of the Board for  
their information.

The reply of the Head of the  
Sanitary Department, was as fol-  
lows:—

I am authorised to reply that  
when the Malariaologist has made  
a comprehensive survey and has  
submitted a complete report on  
the Colony it will be published.  
Meanwhile estimates are being pre-  
pared with a view to dealing with  
matters of special urgency as funds  
permit.

I shall be glad to apply on be-  
half of unofficial members of the  
Board for copies of such report.

SWEDISH ROYAL LOVE  
MATCH.KING OBJECTS TO CHOICE  
OF BRIDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Stockholm, Feb. 2.  
A Royal love romance is the  
subject of a Court circular issued  
to-day, in which H.M. King Gustav  
finally refuses his consent to the  
engagement of his grandson, Prince  
Lennart, to Miss Karin Nierwandt,  
daughter of a Stockholm account-  
ant.

Prince Lennart had publicly an-  
nounced the engagement, but the  
circular says:—"The Constitution  
provides that a Prince of the Royal  
House shall not marry without the  
knowledge and consent of the  
King. After long and earnest con-  
sideration the King has decided  
that it is impossible to consent to  
the marriage."

It is learned that Prince Lennart  
is prepared to abide by all the  
legal and constitutional conse-  
quences of the marriage, but the  
marriage has been postponed and  
the date not fixed.

STABBING AFFRAY AT  
KOWLOON GODOWNS.WATCHMEN ASSAULTED BY  
GAMBLERS.

Leung Yu, Leung Kam and Leung  
Ho were charged yesterday before  
Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Police  
Court (a) with causing grievous  
bodily harm to Ho Cho and Yip  
Sik on December 30, 1930, at No.  
1 Wharf, Kowloon, and (b) with  
assaulting Ho Hin and Wan Siu  
at the same place.

Detective Sergeant Kellett, pre-  
siding, stated that the complain-  
ants were employed as watchmen,  
and in the day in question defend-  
ants, who were hawkers, made a  
nuisance of themselves on the  
wharf. The watchmen attempted to  
turn them off, but the hawkers as-  
saulted them.

On December 30 at about 3 p.m.  
as the result of a telephone mes-  
sage received from Kowloon Go-  
down, witness went to the whar-  
fingers' office, where he saw the  
three defendants who had been de-  
tained by watchmen. He saw Ho  
Cho (complainant) suffering from a  
wound in the abdomen. The three  
defendants were arrested and taken  
to the Police Station. In the  
charge room witness searched first  
defendant and found a pair of  
scissors in his overcoat pocket.

Yip Sik (complainant) then enter-  
ed the charge room, and showing  
a wound he had received in his back  
pointed to first defendant saying,  
"that man stabbed me." Witness  
then sent both the injured men to  
the Kowloon Hospital.

Yip Sik, giving evidence, said  
that he was on duty at No. 1 Wharf  
on the day in question when he  
saw Wan Siu being struck by second  
defendant, witness tried to seize the  
latter, but his shoe came off, and  
while he was bending down to put  
it on again, he received a blow in  
the back.

Wan Siu (another watchman)  
said that he saw a crowd of people  
gambling on the wharf. He went  
up to them and told them to clear  
off, and confiscated their playing  
cards. He then blew a police  
whistle, and three watchmen came  
up. There was a fight and witness  
received a stab under the heart, and  
lost consciousness. He did not  
know who had stabbed him.

The case was remanded.

## WATER EXPERT'S FEE.

TO COST HONG KONG \$100  
PER DAY.

At the last meeting of the Straits  
Council on January 12, it was de-  
cided to recommend that a fee of  
\$100 per day be charged to the  
Hong Kong Government for each  
day of Mr. Murnane's Special re-  
tention at that port.

We understand that Mr. Murnane  
is the head of the Water Depart-  
ment of the Singapore Municipal  
Council, and that his advice on wa-  
ter matters relating to Hong  
Kong was solicited by the Retrench-  
ment Committee at the time of  
his passing through the Colony a  
short while ago.

The Committee quickly recognis-  
ed the value of such an authorita-  
tive opinion, and after communi-  
cations had been exchanged between  
the Hong Kong and Straits au-  
thorities, it was agreed that Mr.  
Murnane, who was then returning  
from leave, should prolong his  
stay in Hong Kong for a few days,  
and give his assistance to the Re-  
trenchment Committee on the local  
water question.

## MORE MONEY REQUIRED.

EFFECT OF EXCHANGE ON  
GOVT. PURCHASES.

The following items of suppl-  
mentary expenditure will be pre-  
sented to-morrow for the considera-  
tion of the Finance Committee of  
the Legislative Council:—

Prison Department: Incidental  
expenses, \$100.  
Provision made in estimates,  
\$2,000.

This is due to fall in exchange

Contract price	£400. 0. 0 at 1/3 =	\$7,520.40
Plus dept. charge	6.10.8 =	100.35
27.4.3 at 1/3 =		421.55
Freight, inspection charges, etc.	1.7.8 at 1/3 =	23.00
Estimated insurance charges		23.00
	£525. 2.5	\$8,070.10
		2.27

Total cost		\$8,072.37
Say		8,100.00
Less amount provided in estimates		4,000.00
		\$4,100.00

The above is to be met from savings under special expenditure.

over a number of small payments to  
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## THE SILVER SCREEN.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"ROMANCE"

In playing opposite Greta Garbo  
in "Romance," which is now at  
the Queen's Theatre, Gavin Gordon  
undertook one of the most difficult  
assignments before the microphone.

As the minister-lover of the opera  
star in the pictureization of the  
Edward Sheldon play, Gordon en-  
acted the part of a man 28 years  
old. In the prologue and epilogue  
scenes, however, he had to "age"  
himself physically and vocally fifty  
years, appearing as a man nearing  
eighty.

Clarence Brown directed the new  
Garbo talkie for Metro-Goldwyn-  
Mayer from the adaptation by Ben  
Meredyth and Edwin Justus Mayer  
of the play in which Doris Keane  
triumphed on the stage.

Lewis Stone heads the supporting  
cast which includes Elliott Nugent,  
Florence Lake, Clara Blandick,  
Mathilde Comont, Henry Armetta  
and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

## "MEN OF THE NORTH."

"Rushes" in foreign languages  
kept operators in the projection  
rooms at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer  
studios in hot water during the  
filming of "Men of the North,"  
which will open to-morrow at the  
Queen's Theatre.

Every night the five casts of the  
picture which Hal Roach directed  
in English, Spanish, French, Ger-  
man and Italian, showed up at the  
studio projection rooms to look at  
the "rushes." The operators put  
on the different reels and usually  
a wall came from the Spanish cast  
that it was looking at German and  
from the German that it was look-  
ing at Italian film.

The picture, a drama of the  
Northwest by Willard Mack, was  
directed in all five languages at  
once, each cast doing scenes in suc-  
cession. The English cast includes  
Gilbert Roland, Barbara Leonard,  
Arnold Korff, Robert Elliott,  
George Davis, Nona Quartaro and  
Robert Graves, jr.

## CENTRAL THEATRE.

"WITH BYRD AT THE SOUTH  
POLE."

The management of the Central  
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have decided to show to-day and  
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torial record been put on the  
screen. More than 30 miles of film  
were required to perfect it. From  
the moment Rear-Admiral Byrd  
and his intrepid band of explorers  
landed in the unknown region at  
the "bottom of the world" until  
they started the final trek for home,  
the life they lead the sights they  
saw, the thrills they experienced  
are in this film for everybody to  
wonder and marvel at.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR.

FULL SUPPLY OF WATER FOR  
THREE DAYS.

It was indicated yesterday by  
Mr. G. R. Sayer, Head of the  
Sanitary Board, that there will be  
a full supply of water for three  
days during the Chinese New Year.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin asked:  
1. Owing to society restriction  
and the consequent restriction  
of supplies, will the Head of the  
Sanitary Department consider the  
suspension of general house clean-  
ing two weeks before Chinese New  
Year, and

2. Recommend to the Water Au-  
thority to give a full house sup-  
ply of water two days before and  
after the Chinese New Year i.e.  
February 15-18, both days in-  
clusive?

Mr. Sayer's answers to Mr.  
Wong Kwong Tin's questions were  
as follows:—

1. Instructions have been given  
to suspend house cleaning for two  
weeks from February 13 until  
February 20.

2. Despite the scarcity of water  
the Water Authority is prepared to  
give the customary full house  
supply on February 15, 16 and 17.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE SECOND  
DIVISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Feb. 3.  
In the Second Division of the  
English League, Stoke defeated  
Preston North End by 3 goals to 1.

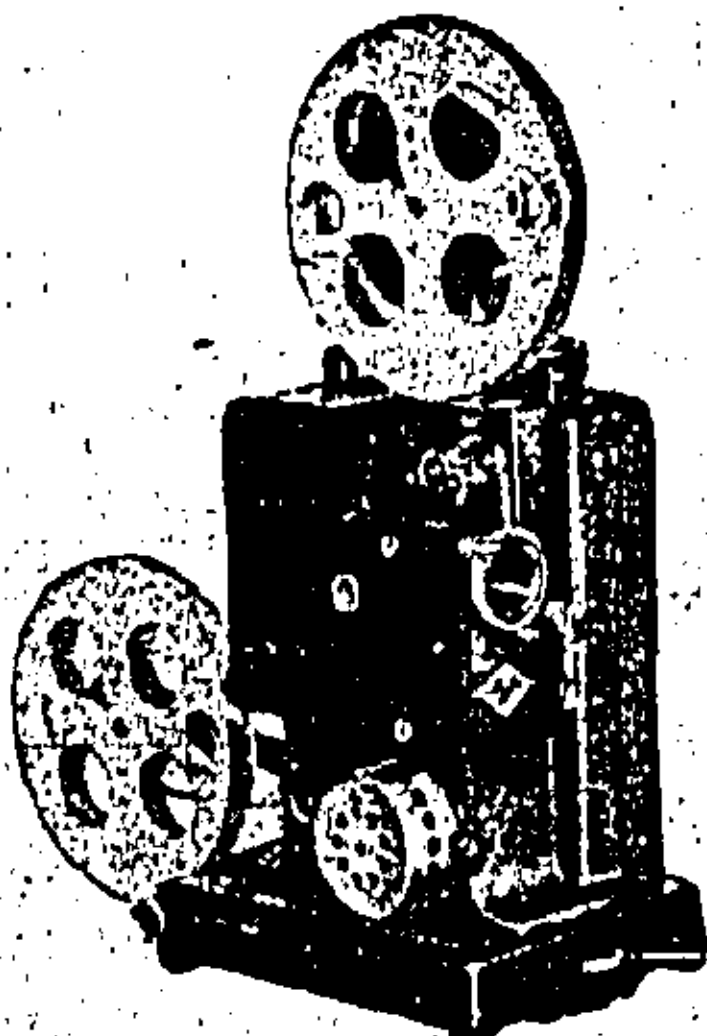
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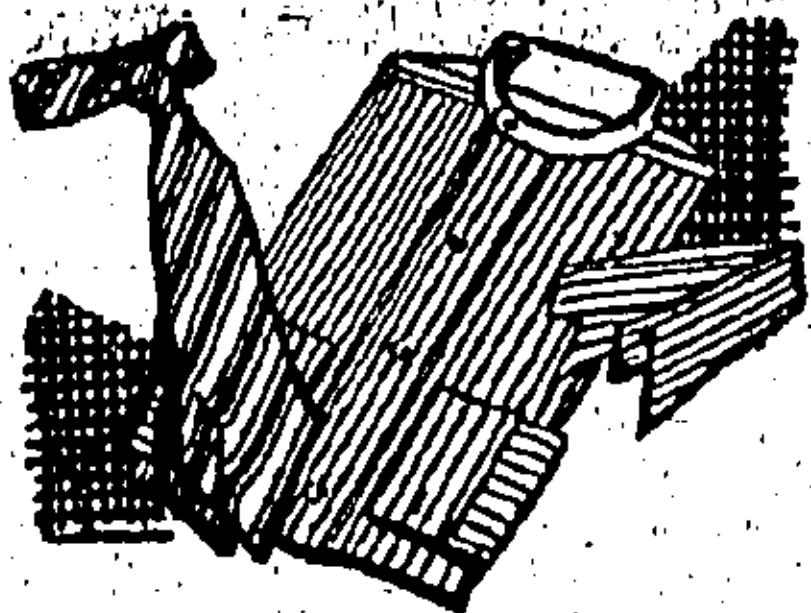
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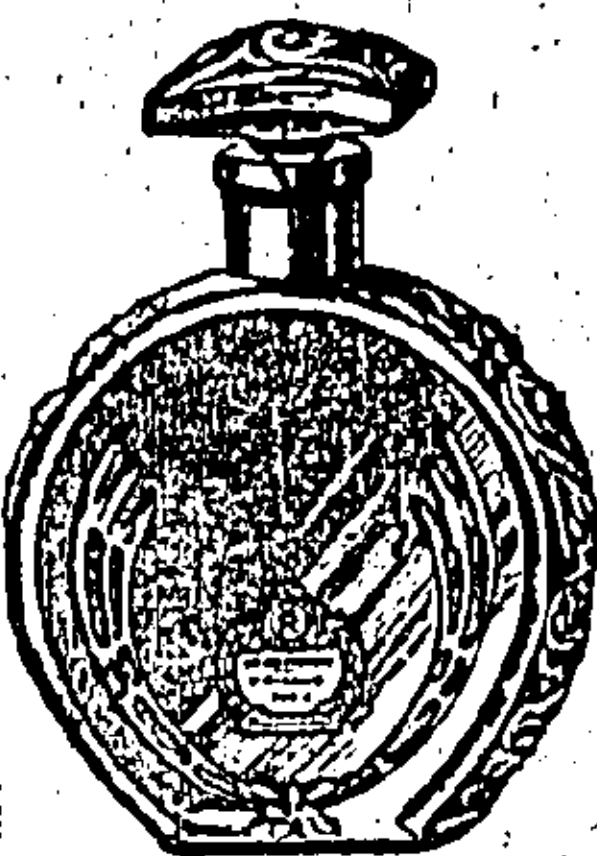
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### ISOLATION OF SMALL-POX CASES.

#### VIGOROUS CHINESE PROTESTS: COMPULSORY VACCINATION ADVOCATED.

#### DR. POPE'S MOTION CARRIED AT SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

At the Sanitary Board Meeting yesterday by seven votes to two, the Board carried a motion rescinding the resolution of the Board of October 15, 1918, allowing patients suffering from small-pox to be treated in their own house.

The motion was proposed by the Medical Officer of Health and seconded by Mr. G. E. Sayer, the Chairman of the Board. Several members spoke in favour of it while Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and Mr. T. N. Chan spoke, and eventually voted, against it.

#### CHINESE VIEWS ON WESTERN METHODS.

In proposing the resolution, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. W. Pope, said:—

The resolution is fundamentally bad in that it undermines the essential principle of isolation. Once small-pox appears in a community there are two primary essentials for effective control—Isolation of the case and vaccination or isolation of the contacts. (Strictly speaking the vaccinated contacts should also be isolated). The resolution deprived the Medical Officer of Health of his discretion to isolate small-pox cases notified to him.

Under those conditions 100 per cent. notification would only very slightly diminish the magnitude of an epidemic. I therefore recommend to the Board that the resolution be rescinded and that the discretion vested in the Medical Officer of Health, in so far as small-pox is concerned, be placed on the same footing as all other infectious diseases.

As to where cases should be isolated and treated, I must be guided by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and remove patients only to institutions recommended by him.

I now move:—That the resolution of the Board of October 15, 1918, that patients suffering from small-pox be allowed to be treated in their own houses under the following conditions:—

- 1.—That all cases in the district should be notified to the Medical Officer of Health.
- 2.—That all inmates of the house should be vaccinated.
- 3.—That a notice should be posted on the door of the house where the patient is being treated be rescinded.

#### Chairman's Second Motion.

In seconding Dr. Pope's motion, the Chairman said he felt sure that members would concur with him that a change was necessary.

The original resolution, said Mr. Sayer, was passed by unanimous vote. The M.O.H. at the time gave his adhesion in these terms: "I agree that the risks run are counterbalanced by decrease in dumping, the prevention of concealment, of all cases and the opportunity of vaccination contacts." The Medical Officer of Health had withdrawn his consent and had said that once

small-pox appeared in the community it was essential for effective control that his power to isolate should not be restricted.

Mr. Sayer went on to say that he was convinced that members would hesitate long before going counter to the expert technical advice.

After dealing with the legal position, Mr. Sayer concluded by saying:—What a remarkable thing it is that all trouble about notification, disinfection and all the anxiety about isolation can be eliminated by the prick of a needle once every five or six years.

#### Chinese Customs.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, in supporting the motion, said in part:—There might be an objection to carrying out the order by saying that we are frightening people or interfering with their customs, but their own rulers did not hesitate to interfere with their customs, when they felt it was necessary to do so. They have taken a firm stand in regard to the Gregorian calendar and have ordered that it must be adopted and that the lunar calendar must be dropped.

Dr. Koch also said that steps had been taken by the Chinese authorities to disabuse their minds of superstition.

"I believe there is no reason why we, in this Colony, having such a strong ground for rescinding this resolution which has been given a very fair and long trial, should hesitate. From every point of view, both medical and hygienic the resolution should be rescinded."

#### Sub-Committee's Report.

Mr. M. K. Lo said, in part:—The question of the prevention and mitigation of small-pox in the Colony is one of the most important questions with which this Board is concerned. It is common ground that the motion now before the Board is the direct result of a report of a sub-committee of this Board appointed some months ago with the following terms of reference:—

To "examine into the history of small-pox in the Colony in recent years and the machinery for its prevention and mitigation and report to the Board, and to suggest a reply to His Excellency's communication regarding the dumping of the bodies of those dead of small-pox."

The sub-committee was composed of the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and myself.

I signed that report subject to certain remarks annexed therewith and with your permission I should like to read to you those remarks as expressing my position in that matter:—

I desire to endorse the view expressed by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga as to the time and labour bestowed by the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services upon the preparation of this exhaustive report, and as a member of the Sub-Committee, I am also very grateful to him.

I am satisfied that the resolution of the Sanitary Board of the 15th October, 1918, has in fact failed in its object. But I still adhere to the view expressed in the memorandum, and referred to in paragraph 68 of the report, that a house-to-house visit or a house-to-house inquiry, is a policy which should not be countenanced.

#### Freedom of Choice.

As I have agreed with the conclusion of the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services that the trial of home treatment has failed in its object, I am prepared to follow out the logical consequences for the rescission of the Resolution by the Board. But there are certain matters which may arise as the result of such rescission on which I desire to make myself quite clear. To begin with, there is the question of the adequacy of hospital accommodation elsewhere. On this point I understand the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services is quite satisfied. But the next important point is the freedom of choice on the part of the patient as to the kind of treatment he is to have in the Isolation Hospital. On this point my views are emphatic. Although I personally am a great believer in the efficacy of Western medical science, I for one am not prepared to deny to those who prefer Chinese treatment the right of having such treatment. I know of small-pox (involving the washing of the patient) as being fatal to recovery, and I feel strongly that Chinese should be entitled to enjoy their national method of treatment unmolested. Moreover, I am not very clear in my own mind as to whether the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services would have any medical objection to home treatment if the home is not a tenement house with the undesirable result mentioned in paragraph 70 of the report. I gather that the Hon. the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has none, provided that the Medical Officer of Health considers that the case is one which is capable of being properly isolated, and without any danger to the public.

I should like to emphasize one point to which I referred in my remarks annexed to the report. I am satisfied that there are thousands of Chinese who regard the Western method of treatment of small-pox as being fatal to recovery, and to the best of my ability I shall press for the recognition of their right to be treated in the way they think best.

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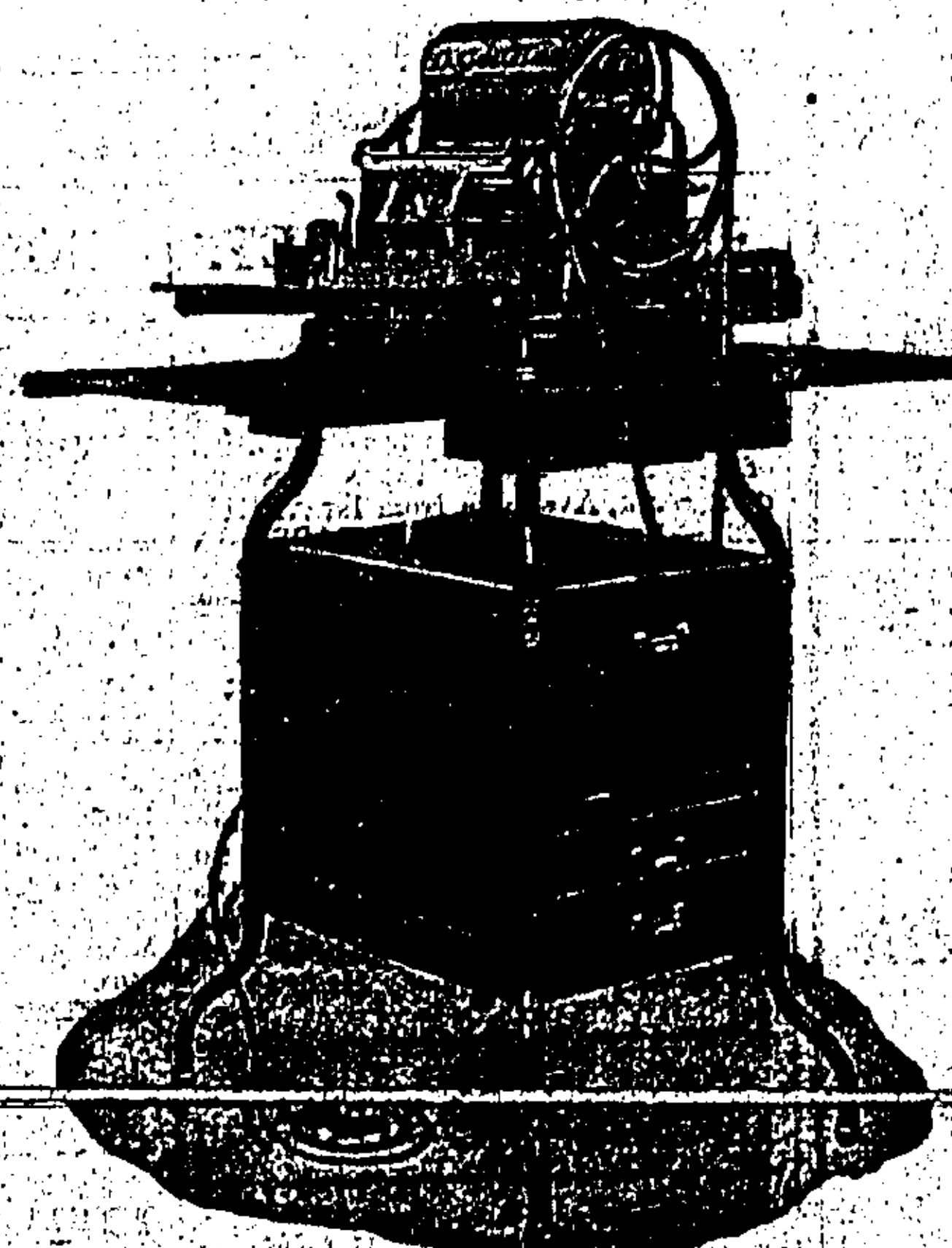
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Hong Kong, 4th Feb. 1931. [379]

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.45 p.m., stated:—  
A weak anti-cyclone is central over Manchuria. Depressions are situated over the lower Yangtze Valley and Tongking.  
Local Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some local showers.

## MARRIAGE.

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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 4, 1931.

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ECONOMY.

Reduction of public expenditure is not easy. Even in the most prosperous years every considerable item of Government spending has to be set out either in the yearly or supplementary estimates, and is subject to examination and query by the Legislative Council. At an earlier stage it has to be passed by the department concerned and by the Colonial Treasury. There are always things that humane and far-sighted persons would like to see done even when the Government is most active and ambitious in its activities. Our neighbour, Canton, has a home for beggars, and publications in that city do not hesitate to point out the lack of any form of institution on the lines of a workhouse in Hong Kong. Most of us would welcome some kind of provision for street sleepers; the Health Department would like more money with which to combat malaria, consumption and venereal disease; a new prison in the place of Victoria Gaol is another urgent necessity; the airport developments at Kai Tak are a commitment of primary importance to the future of the Colony. If Hong Kong misses the present opportunity of becoming an airport, the Colony may suffer the fate of other once prosperous centres of trade. There are half-finished undertakings which it is no economy to abandon. Hong Kong must move with the times.

While it is difficult for the layman to suggest economies that will make big inroads into our possible Treasury deficit of five million dollars on the present year's working, there is a general suspicion that the Government is run lavishly; that if the affairs of the Colony were turned over to the proverbial Aberdonian, watching every cent with eagle eye, quite large sums would be saved out of small economies each of which in itself "hardly seems worth while." The English are not an economical nation. We believe in big window display, and detest minor thrift. It is British tradition that Government House, in any Colony or Dominion, must be the biggest and most splendid residence; that His Excellency should have the best horses, cars, and wines; that he should be a patron of sport and prominent in all social activities. His subordinates and his naval and military colleagues must support him adequately in these out-of-office matters. On the whole this policy has paid us well. The Englishman as pro-consul has appeared to the world as a lavish, genial and fairly well-versed feudal lord. He has not been tied to his desk, and such a thing as personal embarrassment owing to money never enters his existence. Wherever he goes he has the best of everything.

In the old days enterprising and hardy pioneers won our nation the position of cock-of-the-walk in the China trade. The heads of the great hong, got on well with the

mandarins, and were something of mandarins themselves. It was magnificent, but not business on the more niggardly lines of to-day. For years British trade has been quietly undermined by active and able rivals, with the qualities of humility, industry and frugality. Now at last the hong is realising that they must learn the hard lesson of the methods of their rivals, for only those who do learn it will survive in modern China.

It is to be hoped that the Government of Hong Kong will not be the last to recognise the existence of the shirt-sleeve age. No suggestion is made that the Civil Servants do not, as a whole, work hard and efficiently. But it would be interesting to know what a first rate captain of industry—a hard man, but just—would make of this task of governing Hong Kong and particularly of running the Government offices. The big commitments would stand, but allowances and perquisites, first class passages, and the wages bill for minor underlings, such as office clerks, and many other little amenities that make life pleasant would probably be eliminated. Only a new mental outlook, (by no means bad tradition, though now outgrown) can effect the miracle of making the Hong Kong Government pay its way without imposing heavy taxation, during this period of world economic crisis.

## INDUSTRIALISM IN ASIA.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the grave indictment of labour conditions in the Far East, made yesterday by Mr. JAMES BELL, M.P., before the Hong Kong Rotary Club. Mr. BELL presents a Lancashire constituency in the Labour interest and has to his credit a distinguished record of service to the Trade Union movement. What he said is not a matter of party politics; it is not only a question of common humanity, but of a menace to the whole standard of life in Europe and America. Mr. BELL and his colleagues of the British Economic Mission to the Far East have had revealed to them a condition of affairs in Chinese and Japanese mills and factories recalling the worst age of industrial sweating in England. Women and children, as well as men, are being made to work hours that must be detrimental to health and destructive of human happiness. Young children are on night watch, and the conditions are of a nature that would not be tolerated by a government that was discharging its duty to its subjects. Japan has, officially, abolished night work for women and children; but in practice, it is a model factory code! And yet no one would dispute Mr. BELL's facts. His colleagues would have made it clear had they disagreed, and had there been in their opinion any exaggeration.

The industrial depression of today is traced to many causes. Mr. BELL suggests that one of them, and one that will be of increasing and perhaps devastating effect, is this exploitation of "an ample supply of cheap labour" in the Far East. We do not, however, believe that the low standard of the East will prevail, in the end, over the higher standard of the West. If it does, there will be an end of civilization, for the markets for which these factories are creating will be destroyed, and our economic fabric will disintegrate and fall into chaos. The Governments of Far Eastern nations probably realise, if their exploiting of labour leads to Bolshevism by way of general discontent, lowered physical stamina, and that insidious process, "can't," which eats out the whole structure of capitalism.

Honesty is the best policy. The wool trade in England has had a happier history than the cotton trade, because the wool trade, with its roots back in the days before the coming of the industrial revolution, had employers with traditions—men who did not bow the knee to the fool's doctrine of "the iron law of wages." The record of the great Quaker firms owning the chocolate and cocoa industries of Birmingham, of Lever Brothers, and in the retail trade, of Mr. GOSNOLD'S, has shown that sweating does not pay, and is bad business. The amount that the bad employer loses in labour disputes would pay for decent conditions over and over again. For a time the bad employer may gain an advantage, but he is like an engineer who has down the safety valve of a boiler and deliberately runs at a pressure above the tested strength.

Some of the members of the British Economic Mission, who were members of the Cotton Mission, visited the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on Monday afternoon and conferred with leading Chinese cotton dealers and Messrs. Li Yick Mui, and Chan Heung Pak, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Chamber.

## ★ News and Views ★

Six of nine children of Mr. Henri Labelle, merchant, of Saint Jean, Quebec, were burned to death in a fire at Montreal. Mrs. Labelle jumped from a window with a baby in her arms, and a 10-year-old daughter threw another child out and then jumped to safety herself.

**£100,000 Claimed from Hotel.**  
Mr. James B. McLoughlin, of New York and Berlin, states that he intends to enter an action in the New York Supreme Court on behalf of Baroness Gertrude Hon. ams, of Berlin, claiming £100,000 from a hotel. He alleges that an employee of the hotel insulted the Baroness. Mr. McLoughlin states that he is going to marry the Baroness.

**500 Wives Seeking Divorce.**  
Women are the petitioners in the majority of the undecided divorce suits for hearing in the Law Courts during the Hilary term which began on January 26. There being 405 petitions by wives and 184 by husbands. Eight suits for restitution of conjugal rights are all brought by wives. In the defended causes 100 wives and 105 husbands will seek divorce decrees. The King's Proctor intervenes in thirteen cases to show cause why decrees nisi should not be made absolute.

**Communist Propaganda.**  
A Soviet newscaster states that the world's largest and most powerful radio broadcasting station having an energy of 800 kilowatts is being constructed at Roginsk near Moscow. The new transmitter will be able to broadcast over both long and short waves and will have an exceptional radius. It will thus prove an excellent vehicle for Communist propaganda which for instance will thereby be carried as far as into the very heart of Africa.

**Electrifying Britain.**  
With the Electricity Commission's scheme for the South of Scotland the purpose of the Electricity Act of 1926 to supply current to the whole of the United Kingdom draws near to completion. Mr. T. P. Wilmshurst, one of the Commissioners, stated: "One more scheme is needed for the North of Scotland, and then the whole of England, Scotland and Wales will be provided for and the scheme under the 1926 Act will be well on the way to completion." Electric current at 1d. per unit or less. That is the ideal of the London and Home Counties Electricity Authority as announced at a May Fair Hotel luncheon to representatives of local authorities in the Thames Valley and Mid-Sussex areas. Mr. W. P. Marchant, chairman of the Electricity Authority, said they proposed to bring about uniformity of voltages so that electrical appliances would be usable in any part of the area. Appliances would be supplied and fittings including wiring, on the easy instalment plan, or on hire.

## ★ Local Notes and Events ★

The Bellies Old Girls' Association is holding an "At Home" in the Bellies School Hall on Sunday at 4 p.m.

One case (non-Chinese) of typhoid was reported for the 24 hours ended February 2. For the week ended January 31, there were 3 cases (1 death) of diphtheria, 4 cases (1 death) of enteric fever, 1 case of purpural fever and 41 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

A Chinese Revenue Officer was charged before Mr. R. J. Lindell yesterday with using threats to secure from the inmates of 1, McGregor Street, the sum of \$400. After Detective Sergeant Lamont had briefly outlined the case, hearing was adjourned till 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday. Bail was refused.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday a Chinese, who pleaded guilty to three separate charges of larceny, was given a term of imprisonment of three months on each count, the sentences to run consecutively. He also admitted having returned from banishment for which he was given another six months.

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## Starved Into Submission.

In order to capture an armed murderer who had taken refuge in a wooden hut in a forest, the police at Pechinowitz, Czechoslovakia, decided not to sacrifice life needlessly, but to surround the hut and starve the man into submission. After two days the murderer hoisted a white flag and surrendered.

## Clothes and the Man.

Lord Eustace Percy, during the war, much shocked an Edwardian hostess by appearing at her dinner party in a neat refectory blue suit. He had been kept late at the office administering relief at times, and coping with the at times, in spite of Lord Eustace's work for humanity, the Edwardian hostess was annoyed. Since then, except in the more exclusive restaurants, the question of evening clothes has ceased to play a decisive part in social relations. There has been much levelling up and levelling down.

## With Poker and Tongs.

A cripple told a story of his fierce struggle with an intruder, alias John Ray (72), with burglary, John Francis Burke, the cripple, said that hearing a noise he went downstairs armed with a fire shovel, when Daniels hid behind a curtain. "I thrust the shovel forward like a bayonet, prodded him twice and then hit him on the head," continued Burke. "After he had tried to wrap me up in a blanket I struck him with a poker." Burke added that Daniels fell unconscious, and he tied him up with a scarf and some string.

## Woe for the Whales.

The present whaling season in the Antarctic is expected to be a record one. Indications are that last year's figures may be doubled. This is partly because the Norwegian whaling companies, having sold in advance at the excellent price of £25 per ton their entire production of whale oil for the season, are now striving to kill as many whales as possible in the time available. So that the quantity may not be limited by the capacity of the floating factories, tankers, which in the present state of the freight market cannot find profitable employment in the petroleum-carrying trade, have been chartered to take to Europe the surplus whale oil obtained. Undoubtedly the whaling companies made an excellent bargain in their forward contract at £25, since the price of whale oil, which in 1928 stood at £30, has now sunk to £16 per ton. In view of the intensive slaughter of whales now taking place, it may be decided to send no whaling expeditions to the Antarctic in 1931-32. This would be the first close season the whales have had for many years, and would, it is expected, result in a revival of prices.

## Death From Broken Heart.

The unusual verdict of "Death from a broken heart" is a phrase that is not officially recognised by the medical profession—was returned at an inquest at Irlam, Lancs., on Robert Reid (40), a barber. The coroner (Mr. Stuart Rodger), said that a doctor had certified that death was due to a broken heart. Domestic trouble had evidently killed the father, and he would not like to stand in the shoes of the son responsible. A broken heart (writes Medical Correspondent) is merely a poetical expression. It is true that there are diseases which can cause actual rupture of the heart—though very rarely—but grief is certainly not one of them.

## Camera in Trouble.

Carnegie is in trouble again this time with the rulers of boxing in his own country. Having been rejected by the New York State Athletic Commission, he came to fulfil his engagements, but he failed to appear in an exhibition contest in Florence, and the Italian Pugilistic Federation have now fined him 6,000 lire (£250) and ordered him to pay \$9,000 lire (£220) the damages to the organisers of the show. Until the money is paid the fight boxer is under suspension in all countries affiliated to the International Boxing Union, and if he fights in any country outside the union, he will be fined 5,000 lire for each contest.

## Publicity!

Unscrupulous methods employed by New York book dealers to obtain publicity for books on the grounds of their being salacious, unbecoming by the Appellate Court, which is taking evidence in its investigations of irregularities in the lower courts of New York City. Mr. Esar Levine, a New York book dealer said that members of book distributing associations in New York regularly contract with court officials to arrange the arrest of various book dealers on charges of selling obscene books. The arrests are made purely to obtain publicity for books, in which there is little public interest and which otherwise cannot be sold.

## L.N.E.R. Has to Economise.

The chairman of the London and North Eastern Railway, Mr. William Whitelaw, says in the company's magazine, "During the eight months from the end of March until the end of November, the number of passengers originating on our line and exclusive of season ticket holders, has decreased by nearly 8,500,000, and our freight traffic has fallen off by over 10,000,000 tons. The withdrawal of passenger train services, the closing of stations, and the lowering of the age of retirement for certain sections of both salaries and wages grades have been trade-upon us by this collapse in its extent unparalleled both in its extent and the speed with which it rushed upon us about the end of March. I think the lesson for us is just the lesson which the whole country has got to learn, and that is that we must reduce our costs and increase our efficiency."

St. Paul's College are holding their annual prizes distribution at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday when the Bishop of Victoria will preside.

## Looking Back 25 Years.

A disquieting rumour was in circulation in the city on Saturday morning which on being investigated proved to have its foundation in the fact that the Chief Excise Officer of the Opium Farm in the New Territory had been done to death in circumstances which pointed to murder. The deceased, Mr. Chan Beng Chan, who had come from Singapore, and had proved a most energetic official, was stationed at Taipo, and while it is conjectured that murder was not the aim of the assailants, but rather robbery, it would seem that they had been induced to more violent measures than they had anticipated.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*—Feb. 5, 1906.

## Looking Back 50 Years.

Sir John Pope Hennessy's fat has gone forth, and at the coming races, enterprising publicans who in bygone years, from time immemorial almost, have erected booths on the course for convenience and comfort of their friends and customers, will not be permitted to sell liquor without taking out a special licence. We have no intention of following in the footsteps of our evening contemporary by gratuitously and somewhat coarsely, but we cannot refrain from expressing our opinion that the step he has taken in this matter, although doubtless strictly in accordance with the law, is exceedingly ill judged.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Feb. 5, 1931.

## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

### Local.

The resolution giving permission for the treatment of small-pox at the home of the infected person was yesterday rescinded by the Sanitary Board. Page 6.

An interesting address on Industry and Labour Organisation was delivered at the Rotary luncheon yesterday. Page 7.

Members of the Stock Exchange were at home to a large number of clients and friends yesterday when the institution celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Page 11.

An action in which the Sze Yap Steamship Company is seeking an injunction against certain parties in control of the firm's affairs has been commenced in the Supreme Court. Page 11.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. J. Lindell with having taken part in an armed robbery at 62a, Bonham Road, on January 14. Page 11.

When two Indians were charged yesterday for wounding four other Indians in the recent Wanchai race, it was stated that one of the men might die of his wounds. Page 11.

### To-day's Wireless programme.

Father Byrne, S.J., was the speaker last night at a meeting of the English Association. Page 10.

Shipping intelligence. Page 15.

### Sport.

In the Interport football trial yesterday, the Probables beat the Navy by three goals to one. Page 10.

### Latest Cables.

The Shanghai-Peking air mail line is to be inaugurated at the end of the month. Page 9.

As the result of an earthquake the town of Napier, New Zealand, was almost demolished. Twenty-one lives were lost. Page 9.

The National Assembly of Ankara has ratified the death sentences passed on 28 reactionaries, which were duly carried out. Page 9.

Some quarters in Nanking fear that a full resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet will lead to Communist activities in China. Page 9.

The Iraq Pipe-line Convention between the High Commissioner of Palestine and the Iraq Petroleum Company extends over a period of 70 years. Page 9.

A Presidential decree limiting the production of sugar in Cuba was enforced on the 2nd inst. The reduction for the year has been fixed at one-third. Page 9.

The Japanese having defaulted in the payment of royalties, the Soviet Government have threatened to cancel the fishing concessions in Siberian waters. Page 9.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's stock, which recently shrunk to £8, cannot now be given away on the London Stock Exchange owing to a doubt regarding the holders' liability being unlimited. Page 9.

### \$100 to Lose a Match.

Two well-known former footballers—Archibald Kyle, of Glasgow, and Adam Miller, of Larkhall—have been arraigned at Glasgow for alleged bribery. They were remanded on a charge of having offered £100 to the captain of Hamilton Academicals to allow his club to be defeated by Leith Athletic on January 3. The captain of the Academicals is Willie Moffat, the goal-scoring inside-right of the team. Both men had long careers in senior football. "Bunch" Kyle's clubs included Glasgow Rangers, Blackburn Rovers, City, St. Mirren and Hamilton. Adam Miller played against the English League. He represented Scotland on two occasions against the English League. Miller played as a back for nine seasons with Hamilton Academicals, his connection with that club ended eight years ago. Later he played for St. Mirren.

### Depression and a Dog.

A dog that was caught in a rabbit trap was a factor in causing two deaths at Epsom. It was stated at the inquest yesterday on Robert Walter Bainbridge, aged fifty-three, a stockbroker's clerk, of Hollymount, Hampstead, who died from throat wounds inflicted with a razor blade, that he had been suffering from insomnia. On Christmas Eve a dog which was accompanying his brother-in-law on a walk caught a rabbit trap and his brother-in-law had a fall from which he died in a few minutes. This tragedy added to Mr. Bainbridge's depression and weighed on his mind. A verdict of "Suicide while temporarily insane" was recorded.



SHANGHAI-PEIPING  
AIR MAIL.INAUGURATION END OF  
FEBRUARY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.  
That the proposed Shanghai-Peiping air mail line will become a reality before the end of the month is the gist of a report issued by the China National Aviation Corps.

With the exception of the final tour of inspection the most necessary ground work is completed.

Only mail will be carried at the beginning, but the passenger service will be inaugurated in the spring if the present plans materialize.

Regular stops will be made at Hsuehchow, Tsinanfu and Tientsin.

## NANKING-BERLIN AIR LINE.

JUNKER PLANES EXPECTED  
FROM BERLIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Feb. 3.  
Five aeroplanes are expected shortly for the Nanking-Berlin air line.

Two Junker planes are due in Shanghai on the 12th instant, and the first trial flight from Nanking to Berlin will take place on March 1.

LIKIN ABOLITION IN  
KWANGTUNG.ADVERSE AFFECT ON FINAN-  
CIAL POSITION.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

NANKING, Feb. 3.  
Fan Ki Mo, the Kwangtung Commissioner of Finance, in an interview, expressed the opinion that the abolition of likin in Kwangtung was adversely affecting the financial position of the Kwangtung Government.

It was estimated that the monthly shortage in civil administrative expenses is about \$300,000, and military expenses about \$4,270,000.

He said he was now consulting with Mr. T. V. Soong and Marshal Chiang Kai Shek as to how to carry out an administrative and military retrenchment programme on the one hand and to open up new revenue sources on the other, so that the deficiencies may be reduced.

SUMMER WEATHER AT  
CANTON.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Feb. 3.  
Canton experienced unusual warm weather yesterday, the thermometer rising to 82 degrees.

CHINA IN BRITISH  
PARLIAMENT.CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY  
BRITISH STAFF.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 2.  
In the House of Commons today Mr. A. M. Samuel urged enquiries to be made about the five British members of the staff of the Canton-Hankow Railway who had not received their due.

Dr. Hugh Dalton replied that Mr. Henderson had asked Sir Miles Lampson to report.

British Bondholders.  
Replying to another question, Dr. Dalton told Mr. Samuel that the Government felt that the obligations to British holders of loans for building and equipping the Hukwang, Tientsin-Pukow, Lungshai, and Canton-Kowloon Railways should be treated separately from the Boxer Indemnity question, although the Government were anxious that Sir Miles Lampson should use his utmost influence in the matter.

China Indemnity Purchasing Commission.  
Various members at question-time pressed the Government to expedite the appointment of a China purchasing commission.

Dr. Dalton said that the Chinese Minister in London and a representative of the Chinese Ministry of Railways would be the Chinese members of the commission; the remaining four would be British, selected by the Chinese Government from a panel of names which would be submitted to them shortly.

SINO-SOVIET  
RELATIONS.COMMERCIAL OR DIPLOMA-  
TIC INTERCOURSE?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Feb. 3.  
Moh Teh Hui, China's chief delegate to the Moscow Conference, arrived this morning.

Interviewed, Moh Teh Hui said he had come to the capital to obtain instructions regarding the proposed resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia.

He added that he had reported fully to Chang Hsueh Liang at Mukden, but Chang had ordered him to Nanking for instructions.

It is understood here that two suggestions are before the National Government. Firstly, that there be a resumption of full diplomatic relations; and, secondly, that only commercial relations be resumed.

Some quarters are fearing that a full resumption of diplomatic relations will lead to Soviet Communist activities in China.

## YEN HSI SHAN'S PROPERTY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS  
CONFISCATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Feb. 3.  
The Government has ordered the confiscation of all property owned by Marshal Yen Hsi Shan.

WHOLESALE TURKISH  
HANGINGS.TWENTY-EIGHT PAY LAST  
PENALTY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 3.  
The National Assembly of Ankara has ratified the death sentences passed on 28 reactionaries.

Spectacular Executions.  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 3.  
Twenty-eight dervishes, hodjas, sheikhs and others were hanged at Menemen this morning for participation in the revolutionary outbreak on December 23.

All were dressed in long white shirts, with placards on their breasts inscribed "Thus are punished traitors to the republican régime of Kemal Pasha."

Their hands tied behind their backs they were led surrounded by troops to the gallows in different parts of the village and executed in silence in the darkness, as the public, under curfew, were prohibited from leaving their houses before eight in the morning.

LANCASHIRE COTTON  
DISPUTE.RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS  
EXPECTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 3.  
It is confidently hoped that the joint meeting in Manchester today by the parties to the cotton dispute will open a new phase and lead to a resumption of discussions between the employers and weavers, and that a tentative agreement will be reached by the object of a new ballot of weavers which it is hoped will end the stoppage.

SOUTH WALES MINERS'  
WAGES.FINAL DRAFT OF REGULAT-  
ING AMENDMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 3.  
The Welsh miners and coal-owners have prepared a final draft of the amendment to regulate wages in the South Wales coalfield.

It will be submitted for endorsement at a special meeting of the South Wales Coal Conciliation Board today.

The new agreement will, after signature by the members of the Board, remain in force for three years.

The most important issues, such as the regulation of wages in view of the changed hours of working and the present state of industry, will, by agreement, be submitted almost immediately to a new independent chairman, who will be asked to give his award by the end of February.

JAPANESE FISHERY  
CONCESSIONS.SOVIET TREATIES  
CANCELLATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Feb. 3.  
Considerable feeling is being aroused here as the result of the reported threat by the Soviet to cancel the Japanese fishery concessions in Siberian waters because Japan has defaulted in the royalties due on February 2.

The question was brought to a head by the closing of the Vladivostok branch of the Bank of Korea and centres round the Soviet insistence upon the royalties being paid at the Soviet's rate of exchange.

Baron Shidohara saw the Soviet Ambassador this morning, and it is believed he suggested that an agreeable rate would be 7/4 sen, but the Ambassador is insisting on 40 sen. However, he promised to refer the matter again to Moscow.

The royalties amount to approximately Yen 4,000,000.

## PRINCESS BEATRICE.

CONTINUES SLOWLY TO GAIN  
STRENGTH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 3.  
The following communiqué was issued at Kensington Palace this morning:—"Princess Beatrice has had a comfortable night and continues slowly to gain strength."

Late last night it was reported that the Princess had gained a little strength during the day.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR-  
BOAT CONTEST.MISS ENGLAND THE SECOND  
TO COMPETE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 3.  
Lord Wakefield has decided to enter the racing motor-boat "Miss England the Second" for the British International Trophy to be contested at Detroit next August.

The pilot will be Kaye Don, who during recent trials at Lough Neagh attained an unofficial record of over 100 miles per hour.

Kaye Don meanwhile hopes to make an official attempt on the world speed record at Buenos Aires early in March during the British Empire Trade Exhibition.

## H.M.S. NELSON.

VISIT TO UNITED STATES  
FLEET.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 3.  
The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Nelson will pass through the Panama Canal on February 22 and during her visit to the United States Fleet will berth at Balboa.

IRAQ PIPE-LINE  
CONVENTION.PETROLEUM COMPANY'S  
CONCESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3.  
The Iraq Pipe-line Convention between the High Commissioner of Palestine and the Iraq Petroleum Company provides for the construction of a pipe-line terminating at Acre Bay.

The concession lasts 70 years, after which the pipe-line in Palestine becomes the High Commissioner's property.

The convention may be cancelled if the necessary agreements with other countries through which the pipe-line passes are not completed within three years.

GERMANY AND THE  
LEAGUE.NAZIS' WITHDRAWAL  
MOTIONS DEFEATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Feb. 3.  
In the course of a discussion by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag on Dr. Curtius's report on the last meeting of the League of Nations Council, the Nazis put forward a motion de-

manding Germany's withdrawal from the League, on the ground of the League's "complete failure with regard to the protection of national minorities and disarmament."

The Socialists also demanded withdrawal.

Both motions were, however, defeated.

EARTHQUAKE IN  
NEW ZEALAND.TOWN OF NAPIER WIPED  
OUT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Feb. 2.  
An alarming earthquake occurred this morning, as the result of which a viaduct in the Hawkes Bay district was damaged.

The sea-bottom at Napier is stated to be lifting, and in consequence of the discovery steamers are putting out to sea.

A number of oil-tanks at Napier have been set on fire, but the telegraph lines are down and information is meagre.

## British Warships to the Rescue.

LATER.

H.M.S. sloop Veronica, stationed at Napier, wireless that every stone building in the town has been demolished.

There were many outbreaks of fire, and it is feared there has been a heavy loss of life.

The Veronica landed bluejackets to render assistance.

The warships Diomed and Dundee are proceeding to Napier from Auckland with doctors, nurses and medical stores.

It is feared that thousands are homeless.

Food is urgently required.

## Tremors Recorded at Sydney.

SYDNEY, Feb. 3.

Terrific earthquake shocks were recorded at 8.51 a.m. lasting for two hours.

Wireless reports from ships state that extensive damage on the North Island has resulted, especially at Napier.

## Town Looks as if it Had Been

Bombarded.

LATER.

A telephone message from an eyewitness at Napier states that there is a long stream of casualties.

He is of opinion that the loss of life is heavy.

All the big buildings in the centre of the town, including the Post Office, were razed.

The town looks as if it had been bombarded.

## Official Death-roll Twenty-one.

WELLINGTON, Feb. 3.

It is officially announced that 21 are dead from the earthquake.

The hospital at Napier, was wrecked and the nurses' home collapsed, killing several of the inmates.

Fire is raging, and half the town is in ruins.

The tremors there were almost continuous.

Two deaths are reported from Wairoa, which, with Waipukurau and Waipawa, was badly damaged.

The Commander of the Veronica, who has taken charge of the situation at Napier, confirms that the damage is very severe.

Refugees are sheltering on board. Heavy damage occurred to bridges on the North Island.

There are indications that the death-roll at Napier will exceed 100.

A portion of Bluff Hill, with houses overlooking the port, collapsed.

The whole business area, half a square mile in extent, was wiped out by fire.

Hastings suffered similarly. Several were burned to death when Roach's building collapsed while burning.

A-ONCE PLEASANT AND  
PEACEFUL TOWN

Napier is a seaport on the east coast of North Island, New Zealand, and capital of the provincial district of Hawkes Bay, north-east of Wellington. The population is estimated at about 10,000.

The main portion of the town stretches along the flat shore-land of Hawkes Bay, while the suburbs extend over the hills to the north. The site consists of a picturesque peninsula known as Seaside Island. The harbour (Port Ahuriri) is sheltered by a breakwater. The Cathedral Church of St. John (1888) for the bishopric of Waiapu, is one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in New Zealand, imitating the early English style in brick. An Athenaeum, a small hospital, a lunatic asylum, a philosophical society and an acclimatization society are among the public institutions. The town, named after Sir Charles James Napier, is under municipal government and returns a member to the New Zealand House of Representatives.

Large quantities of wool and tinned and frozen meats are exported. There is railway communication with Wellington, New Plymouth, and the Wairarapa, Wanganui and Manawatu districts. Numerous old native pa or fortified villages are seen in the neighbourhood.

GENEVA OPIUM  
COMMITTEE.DAME LYALL'S SLASHING  
ATTACK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Feb. 2.  
A slashing attack on a system that permitted "the prosperity of a great country to be sacrificed to the interests of a few manufacturers" was made by Dame Lyall, Chairman of the Permanent Opium Board.

Addressing the Opium Committee she cited the figures for opium imported to China from Europe, including six tons of morphine, and declared that, while the illicit traffic continued on the present scale, it was not unreasonable of China to distrust the attitude and intentions of manufacturing countries.

The Committee unanimously passed a recommendation affirming the desirability of withdrawing licences from firms implicated in the illicit traffic.

DR. WU LIEN TEH PROPOSES  
LEAGUE MONOPOLY.

Some suggestions are made by Dr. Wu Lien Teh, China's Official Delegate to The Hague Opium Conference of 1911-12, in regard to opium suppression, in a Chinese contemporary.

After an historical survey, Dr. Wu makes the following concrete suggestions:

1. The Central authorities, through the Government Opium Suppression Bureau, should acknowledge the magnitude of the affair and invite practical business and scientific leaders to a conference so as to adopt a fundamental method of dealing with the danger.

2. Without delay, an accurate survey should be made of the areas of poppy cultivation throughout the various provinces, so that full data may be available for the guidance of the authorities.

3. Propose an interregnum of 16 years for bringing the whole traffic to an end. During this period, strict control of its production throughout the Republic by the Central Government should be established, particular stress to be laid on the ports and cities whence the raw drug is exported.

4. Invite the experienced staff of the Maritime Customs to collect the necessary revenue, say, at the rate of 1/2, 2,000 per picul, which should be entered as a separate opium excise account. By this means, immediate operation could be assured with little or no extra cost to the country.

5. Out of the gross revenue thus collected, at least ten per cent. should be earmarked for the establishment and maintenance of opium refugees and general hospitals in various centres, where the addicts could be treated and whence anti-opium and health propaganda could be disseminated.

6. Hand-in-hand with the above, there should be firmly enforced the gradual diminution of poppy cultivation and opium smoking by one-fifth every year, so that the provinces and people could adapt themselves to the progressive policy of the Government.

7. It is not advisable to adopt too drastic or detailed a scheme at the beginning, such as the licensing or photographing of opium habitues, for such means entail enormous expenses of administration and numerous loopholes for misdeeds, apart from the unpopularity of the measure.

8. There is no need to be ashamed of this apparent inconsistency from previous declared anti-opium policies of the Government, for a mistake corrected is better than an obstinate insistence upon unpractical methods. Besides, we have the glaring example of the powerful and well-organized United States of America, which in spite of its advantages has not been able to solve the problem of prohibition among a population only one-fourth ours.

Menace of Narcotics.  
After discussing the menace of cocaine and other derivatives of opium, Dr. Wu concludes:—"Some readers may consider my plan revolutionary, but these are days of initiative, and those responsible for the world's happiness should try to consider any reasonable plan submitted for its attainment."

Opium Dens in Newark.  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE CHINESE ARRESTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEWARK (New Jersey), Feb. 2.  
Chinese were rounded up during early-morning raids on 16 opium dens in Chinatown, in an attempt to capture the leader of the drug ring, who is known just to have arrived from San Francisco.

The leader was not caught, but \$5,000 of drugs were seized and the dens smashed up.

ROYAL MAIL STEAM  
PACKET STOCK.DECLINED AS A GIFT ON  
STOCK EXCHANGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 3.  
The Royal Mail Steam Packet stock, which recently shrank to £8, cannot now be given away on the Stock Exchange in consequence of the adverse view on the question whether the holders' liability is unlimited in the event of winding up.

Counsel's opinions on the matter are in conflict.

SITUATION IN INDIA.  
WEEKLY "APPRECIATIONS" TO BE DISCONTINUED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 2.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, replying to a question, announced the suspension for the present of the Government of India's weekly appreciations of the situation in order to avoid the risk of prejudicing a favourable issue of the present situation.

BENGALI TERRORIST SENTENCED.  
COL. SIMPSON'S MURDERER CONDEMNED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2.  
Dinesh Gupta, the sole survivor of the three terrorists who murdered Colonel Simpson, the Inspector-General of Prisons in Bengal, and wounded Mr. Nelson, the Legal Remembrancer, has been sentenced to death.

Three Bengalis forced their way into the Inspector-General's office and shot Col. Simpson, and then they rushed out firing continually to cover their retreat and disappeared.

Mr. J. W. Nelson, judicial secretary, was seriously wounded in attempting to stop the murderers.

Two of Inspector-General Simpson's assassins shot themselves.

ARAB BANDITS ROUNDED UP IN LUXOR.

ALL SURRENDER AFTER  
BEING WOUNDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LUXOR, Feb. 2.  
The province has been relieved by news that all the bandit terrorists concerned in the attack on the American Expedition wages car on the 28th have been rounded up, thanks to the tenacity of the police.

The "quarry" was chased up to the last man, day and night over the hilly desert.

All the bandits were wounded before they surrendered, with the exception of their leader, Abu-Zeid-Abu-Taleb, who was killed.

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SHIPPING FIRM IN  
LAWSUIT.PLAINTIFF ASKS FOR AN  
INJUNCTION.

## AN INTERRUPTED MEETING.

Reference to a meeting at which strong opposition was raised by a certain number of shareholders, which resulted in the withdrawal of the chairman, was made at the Supreme Court yesterday in an action which commenced before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood).

The Sze Yap Steamship Co., Ltd., is the plaintiff, and the defendants are Chung Chung She, Chun Yun Chi, Lo Man Pan, Lau Fai Tong and Lai Hong Sang.

Plaintiff claims an injunction to restrain defendants from acting as directors, or dealing with the funds, or using the seal, or otherwise interfering in the management of the company, and for damages in respect of these matters.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, senior, of Messrs. d'Almada and Mason, is for plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, is defending.

In the course of opening his case, Mr. Potter said that the company operated the s.s. Tai Lee and the s.s. On Lee, between Hong Kong and Kowloon. For a considerable time the shareholders had been divided into two groups, and the plaintiff group felt very strongly that the company had not been properly managed. There were very serious disputes which came to a head early in 1930.

## Shareholders' Requisition.

On March 27, 1930, Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co., acting on behalf of a large body of shareholders, sent a requisition to the directors, calling upon them to convene an extraordinary meeting. The requisition contained eight resolutions, which were to the effect that the requisitionists desired to get rid of the directors and appoint others. The directors, in a written reply, refused to convene the meeting. Subsequently the shareholders instructed Messrs. d'Almada and Mason, who prepared another requisition on April 8, 1930, but the directors again failed to convene a meeting.

The requisitionists convened a meeting themselves on July 8, 1930, notices being published in the Press, and sent to shareholders and the directors.

At that meeting, Mr. Li Yu Tong, a shareholder, but not a requisitionist, was elected to the chair. There was a great deal of heated discussion, the heat being mainly engendered by the one thing the chairman would not do—put the resolutions which were on the requisition for which purpose the meeting had been convened. During the whole course of that meeting, while it was under the chairmanship of Mr. Li, not one of the resolutions was put. Mr. Li left the meeting, saying he was unable to control it and his supporters also left. Another chairman was then appointed and the meeting proceeded to consider the resolutions.

## Shareholder's Evidence.

Among the witnesses called was Mr. Ng Tong Kai, who said he was a shareholder and one of the original promoters of the company and also chairman of the old board of directors. Witness said that when the eight resolutions were read out to the meeting, some of the shareholders protested and asked that the resolutions relating to chartering and dividend only should be discussed. There was strong opposition by the majority of those present. The chairman intimated he was unable to conduct the meeting if the people made a noise, and he later withdrew in spite of the requests of the majority of those present that he should continue the meeting. Witness was then appointed as chairman to continue the proceedings.

In reply to Mr. Jenkin, witness said he had arranged for a European Sergeant and policeman to be present at the meeting.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that at the meeting of July 8 only two resolutions were discussed?—No.

And that those present dispersed in a peaceful manner?—No.

Witness, in answering further questions, said that the police officer was wrong if he said that only forty or fifty people remained after the chairman withdrew.

The case was adjourned.

STOCK EXCHANGE  
ENTERTAINS.CELEBRATION OF 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY.TRIBUTE TO MR. G. H.  
POTTS.

There was a large and distinguished gathering at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange premises in Exchange Building yesterday when that institution celebrated its fortieth anniversary.

Mr. G. C. Moxon proposed the toast of "Long Life and Success to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange," and coupled with it the name of Mr. George Potts, the Chairman.

In doing so, he said:—  
If anyone had told me some eight years ago that I should have had the honour of addressing you to-day and proposing the toast that has been entrusted to me I should have looked upon any such statement as a phantasm.

At that time, I frankly confess I had no idea that I should ever see Hong Kong again, but life is full of the unexpected and in this case I am glad that the opportunity has come my way to wish you all health and prosperity. I am, I assure you, very sensible of the compliment that has been paid to me.

To-day is the 40th anniversary of the foundation of this Stock Exchange and in spite of the ups and downs inseparable from the business it controls, I think you may be proud of the fact that your flag is still flying and that your activities have a far greater scope than in days of yore. There is something in the rough and tumble of a share market that makes for camaraderie amongst those actively engaged, some spirit of bonhomie and forbearance, some generosity and openhandedness; such I have always found it and I think you will do well to foster such qualities.

I do not suppose there are many here present old enough to remember a song that was sung in the London music halls when I was a lad by the once famous Bessie Bollow. Its refrain has always stuck in my memory—

"Life is a game of see saw  
Many its ups and downs  
One day you're courting your  
five pound note  
and another collecting your  
brown."

That is as true to-day as it was 40 years ago.

## Three Original Members.

I believe I am correct in stating that of the Members of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange of 40 years ago only three individuals are still alive. First, easily first, is my dear old friend George Potts, your Chairman to-day, a marvelous cord and a marvelous personality.

Second, Mr. J. R. Michael, who was hale and well last time I saw him in London not long since.

Thirdly, Mr. S. Coxon, now in England, but I have not the pleasure of knowing him.

## Long May They Flourish!

I do not propose to detain you with a long speech, nor do I propose to grant you a sermon. Life itself and experience will teach you all what is good to do and what is good to leave undone. I would only say that I think the closer you model your laws and your conduct of affairs on the London Stock Exchange, the more likely are you to last. That Exchange always appears to me to be conducted on very sound and practical lines.

I have only to wish you many years of prosperity; I hope you will more than complete your century, and carry your bat with dignity and profit to yourself and those who support you. I give you this toast: "Long Life and Success to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange," and I couple with it the name of your Chairman, Mr. George Potts.

## Forty Years Ago.

Replying, Mr. Potts said:—  
On behalf of my fellow members and myself I thank you most sincerely for the kind way in which you have received the toast of the Exchange.

Mr. Moxon has just told you that I am one of the three surviving original members and I could have wished that the other two—Mr. Michael and Mr. S. Coxon—were also here to-day to keep me company. However, there is one other member with us who runs me a close second—my colleague on the Committee, Mr. Gould, who joined the Exchange in the middle 'nineties. Both he and I have seen the financial history of Hong Kong in the making.

I can recall the time when the Exchange was a small colony of one hand. I can also recall when the total market value of investments was probably not more than one tenth of the corresponding investments at the present time—a phenomenal expansion indeed, for such a small colony as Hong Kong.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

POPSY SEES AN AWFUL  
PROSPECT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

My Dear Editor,—I'm simply prostrate with grief. Tubby says that some horrid man suggests that if the Government really can't pay sterling contract they ought to get them to wave the military distribution to bridge the deficit.

I don't quite understand what it means, but Tubby says there's a law that a fifth of everything we pay in taxes goes to England, and for this the dear General allows us so much soldiers each, and if they stop this military distribution there wouldn't be anyone to dance with, because the Navy wouldn't stay if the Army didn't. I think that's noble of the Navy, because you must have *hors de combat* in the services; but isn't it too utterly unfair to us we don't pay taxes to have civil servants to dance with?

Maud says that if they are so contemptible they might just as well close both poor Sir William's residences and turn the place into a White Man's Grave. Isn't it too dreadfully macabre, my dear?

Yours devastated,

POPSY.

Hong Kong, Feb. 3.

## HIGH COST OF LIVING.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Your correspondent in Monday's paper hit the nail squarely on the head in his argument against further taxation, which severely affects the person with a small income, who is already oppressed by increased rents, and greater cost both of provisions and other daily needs of life.

The burden of the Entertainment Tax to the small wage earner is perhaps not fully realised, but I quote one instance to show how it is applied to the disadvantage of the small wage earner. The Queen's Theatre, let me say first of all, used to charge 70 cents for a front stall. Now the same seat is 50 cents plus five cents tax.

This is a generous and wise concession. But against that a seat at a football stand which formerly cost 50 cents is now 60 cents, and out of it ten cents goes to the Government. Why cannot the admission fee be retained at the old figure and the tax be paid by the football authorities themselves?

Surely there must be directions in which money could be saved. I hear on good authority that schoolmasters and hospital nurses are provided with first class passages to and from Home in P. & O. boats.

Officers of His Majesty's Army, including majors and captains, I am told, travel second class on these boats. Why should schoolmasters and nurses receive first class passages out of public funds?

Would they book first if they had to pay the passage themselves? The answer would be most decidedly not. No doubt the Retirement Committee could look into this and other points where high life is ruining the Colony.—Yours, etc.,

SAM PAN LUK.

Hong Kong, February 2.

I and I hope you will not deem it presumption on my part if I claim, on behalf of this Exchange, some credit for its having been the means, however small, of helping to place this vast capital investment in local undertakings.

Mr. Moxon also spoke of the spirit of bearance and forbearance. Believe me, gentlemen, we brokers must not only be possessed of these two great qualities in ample measure, but we must also be possessed of that other and greater quality—a philosophical turn of mind. As you all know, the world over, the brokers are always blamed for any sort of catastrophe that may take place. Apparently some investors seem to be under the impression that brokers must know beforehand how the Stock Market is going to move. I can assure you, gentlemen, that we possess no such super knowledge, for if we did, very few of us would have to remain in harness for more than a year or two.

Mr. Potts' toast, a tribute to the late Sir Paul Chater for his fortitude in reclamation work, and also related an amusing anecdote of the late Sir Horace Mody, whom Mr. Potts described as one of the biggest porters of the Stock Exchange during his life.

SECOND ATTEMPT  
ON HSIENMING.SEARCH REVEALS CON-  
CEALED ARMS.DISCOVERY ON LEAVING  
SHANGHAI.

A second attempt, to pirate the C. M. str. Hsienming was frustrated at Shanghai last Wednesday by the party of Chinese soldiers who have been stationed on board the steamer since her unhappy experience at Honghai Bay on January 10.

The steamer had left the C. M. Wharf at 5.30 p.m. en route for Foochow, under the command of Captain C. C. Mah who had taken over from Captain J. S. Soden. When near the A. P. C. Co's Upper Wharf the soldiers decided to conduct a search of all the passengers on board.

Among the first to be searched was an alleged fruit merchant, travelling storage, who gave his name as Li Hsing-shi and his destination as Fokien. In specially designed pockets between the legs of his trousers were found a sawed-off shotgun and a fully-loaded six-chambered revolver. In a basket of bananas, included among his baggage, were 125 rounds of ammunition. He confessed that it was the intention of himself and five others on board to hold up the officers after Wosung and revenge themselves for the execution of eight associates captured by the Chinese authorities after complicity in the previous piracy.

Four of the five accomplices were quickly identified and handcuffed. They were unarmed but believed to have thrown their arms overboard when they became aware of the arrest of Li Hsing-shi. Two of the four had identical gun pockets between the legs of their trousers.

Captain Mah immediately wired to the Shanghai office of the Chinese Merchants S. N. Co. and to the head quarters of the French Police and intimated his decision to return to the Wharf. When he arrived there, at about 7.30 p.m., an escort of French detectives and representatives of the Public Safety Bureau were in readiness and an intensive search of the steamer ensued. This resulted in the discovery of two loaded revolvers in garages adjacent to the storage quarters and a quantity of opium on a lower deck.

## Men Hamstrung Over.

The five men were formally handed over to the Chinese authorities by the French Police later in the evening.

In an interview with a representative of the *H.K. Daily News*, Mr. A. Sinclair, chief engineer of the Hsienming, gave a graphic description of the discovery of the pirates on board and what followed.

"We were up top," Mr. Sinclair said, "when we heard a commotion below which we at first thought was a fight among the passengers. Soon, however, a member of the Chinese guards came rushing up to tell us that a man had been caught with arms and ammunition in his possession who had confessed to an ambition to revenge himself for the execution of his comrades, participants in the piracy of our ship on the previous voyage. Soon after we learnt that other men had been captured; practically red-handed."

"As you will realize, we were taking no chances after our unfortunate experience of January 10 and Captain Mah dropped the anchor, hoisted the police flag, and wireless the local offices of the Company and the French Police an account of what had occurred. Acting on instructions, he returned to the C. M. Wharf."

"When we returned to the Wharf the French Police and Chinese detectives who were awaiting our arrival refused to allow anyone to land and conducted a thorough-going search of the steamer and all on board. They did not, however, carry out their original intention, which was to detain all the passengers, either on board or at the police station, until they could produce substantial guarantees. Beyond the discovery of the two other revolvers and some drug nothing else belonging to the pirates was found during the police search."

"When the Chinese authorities learnt of what had happened they immediately detailed an additional 12 guards to duty on the steamer, making, in addition to the 12 who had made the discovery in the case of the alleged fruit merchant, 24 in all."

"The original 12 guards were not on board at Foochow after our experience at Honghai Bay and were making the return voyage. Had it not been for the presence of these guards on board we would certainly have been looked to a greater extent than on the previous voyage, with great loss of life."

## HOUSE RANSACKED.

ROBBERS HAVE A MEAL AND  
SLEEP.

The armed robbery at 62A, Bonham Road, on the night of January 14, when four men entered the premises, ransacked the place, ate a meal and slept there all night before decamping the next morning, had its sequel at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Lau Kit was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with being concerned, together with three others not in custody, in the robbery. A woman named Leung Sam Sang was also charged with receiving a gold ring.

Leung Kwok Chit, in the witness-box, stated that on the night in question he was in bed when suddenly four men rushed into the room. He said at first that he recognised one of them as Ho Siu Chuen, but later changed his mind and said he thought one of them was Ho because his sister had pointed out the man to him as such.

He went on to describe how the men bound and gagged him and the other inmates of the house, and stated that the intruders forced open every drawer or box in the flat that was locked. Witness said that the men left the premises at about 6 a.m. and the reason why he did not make a report to the Police till about 8.30 a.m. was because just before they left, the robbers said they would kill anybody who tried to communicate with the police. Asked why he did not blow a police whistle, witness said the robbers had taken all the whistles away with them.

Witness concluded his evidence by saying that when the robbers went away, they left behind a few chisels. Some of these were lying on the floor in his mother's room and some were in the passage.

When asked whether he had any questions to put to witness, defendant said he had nothing at all to do with the robbery.

Further evidence was taken after which the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

## WANCHAI FRACAS.

INDIAN MAY DIE OF  
WOUNDS.

The recent fray fight in Wanchai between a number of Indians was recalled at Central Magistracy yesterday when Sobhat Khan and Abdul Khawan were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on charges of wounding and causing grievous bodily harm to the other four men, who are still detained in hospital as a result of the fight.

Mr. A. O. E. Rendall appeared for the defence.

Addressing the Court, Det. Sub-Inspector M. Murphy produced certificates to prove that the four men were still in hospital. Continuing, the officer said it appeared that the complainants went to the residence of the two defendants and called the first down into the street. It was alleged that the first defendant, who was later joined by the second, stabbed the complainants. The complainants, however, would not admit that they had gone to the defendants' house. They claimed that they were passing along the street when the trouble occurred.

His Worship pointed out to Mr. Rendall that according to the medical certificate, two of the men were suffering from stab wounds in the stomach and would not be fit for discharge for another three weeks, while the third also had a stab wound in the stomach but would probably be discharged from hospital one week earlier, the fourth requiring but one week for treatment of a stab wound. It would be necessary, therefore, to adjourn the case formally for one week, pending the discharge of the four men.

Inspector Murphy said there was a possibility of one of the men dying.

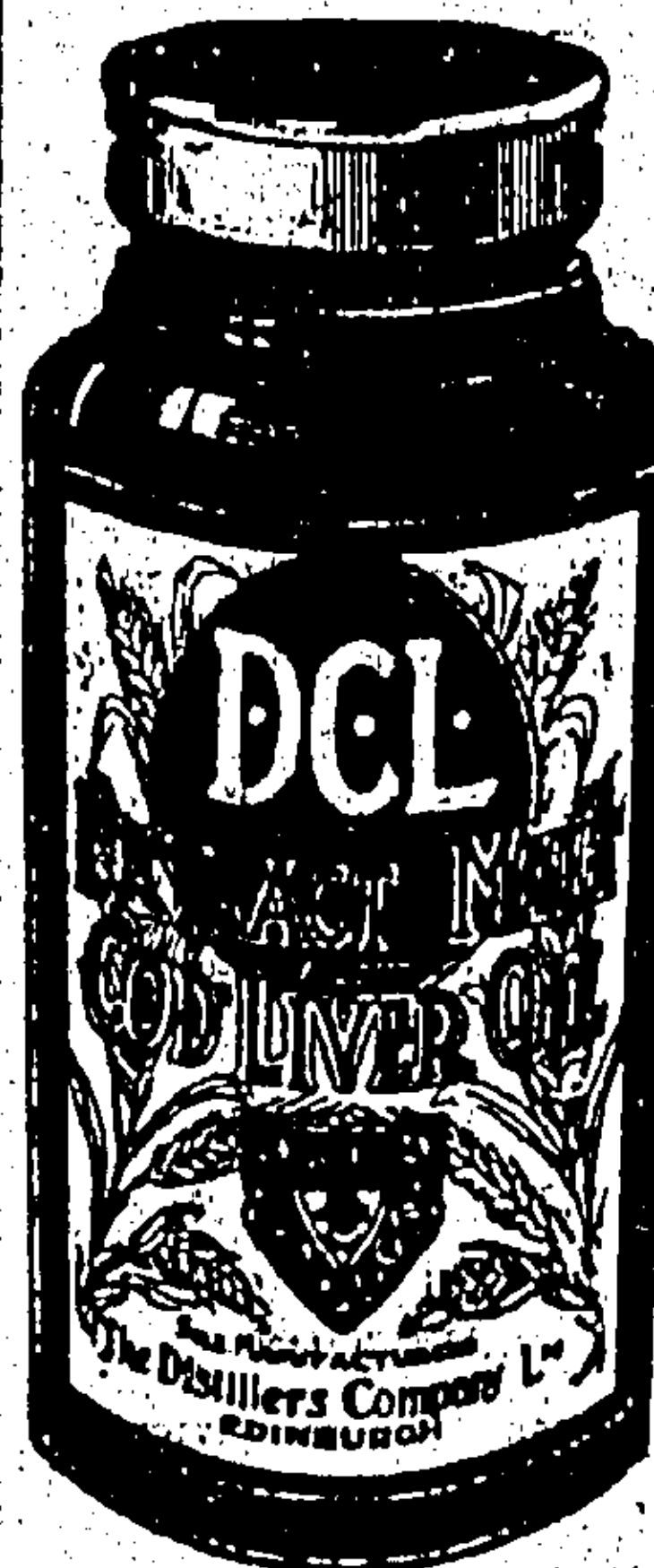
Mr. Rendall intimated that he would make an application for bail if the man who might die got out of danger.

The defendants were remanded for one week, bail being refused.

## One Foreigner Aboard.

Mr. Sinclair, who is at present the only foreign member of the crew of the Hsienming (Captain Soden having been removed to command of the str. Hsienchoi), was on board the steamer when on January 10 she was seized by pirates, who had boarded her at Shanghai 56 passengers, at Honghai Bay, 55 miles north of Hong Kong and above Bias Bay. Three Chinese first-class passengers and a member of the ship's complement were then taken by the pirates, together with a quantity of the valuable cargo on board. Eight of the pirates were subsequently captured by a Chinese gunboat.

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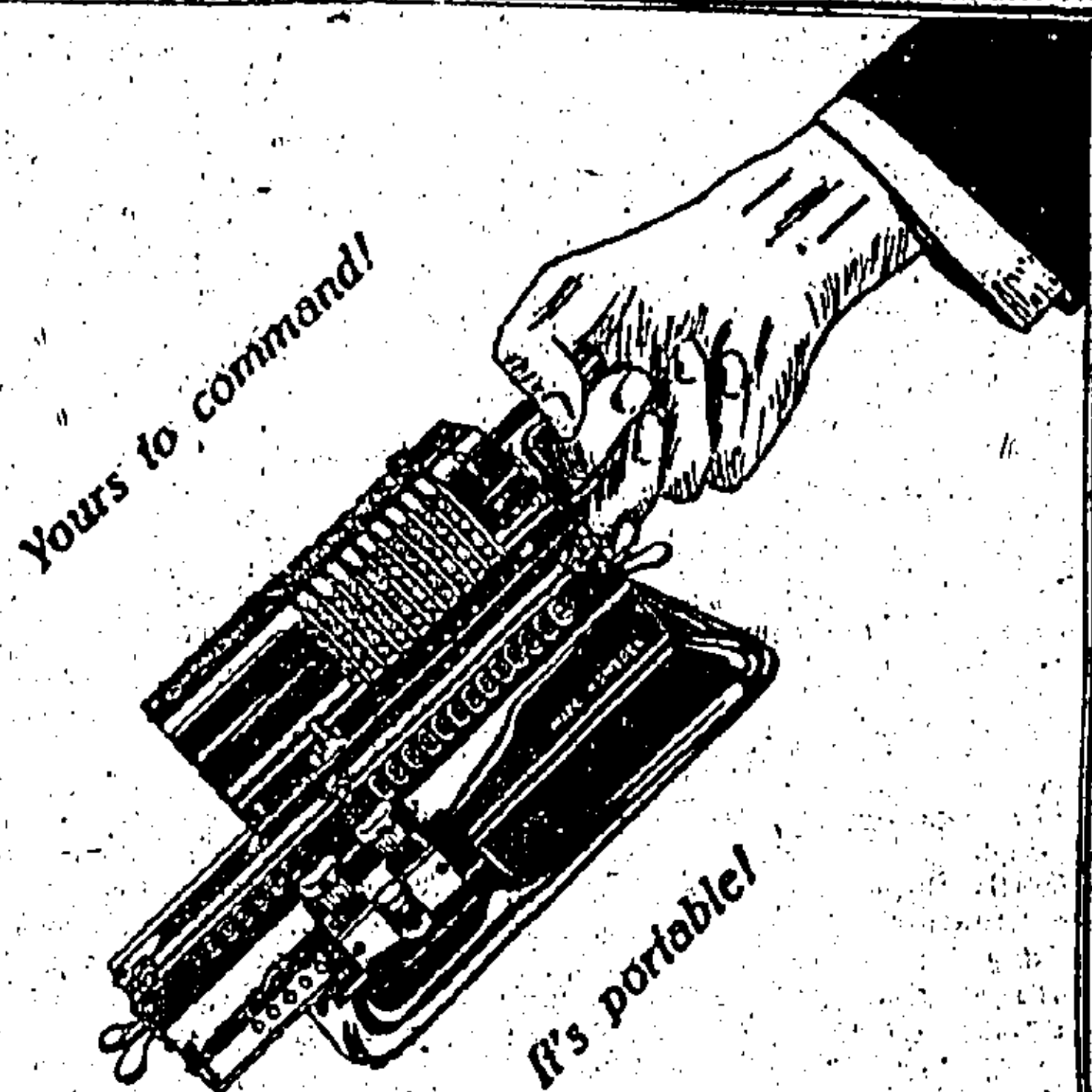
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Goods not cleared within 7 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Under-  
signed before Thursday, the 19th Feb.,  
1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 9th February, 1931.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

B. OHL,

Agent.

Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1931. [280]

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Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1931. [281]

## PRINCE LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hong Kong, 30th Jan., 1931. [280]

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STATION	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Remarks
Wladivostok	30.22	78.7	9	N	4	30.19	76.9	3	NNE	6	
Nemuro	29.74	75.5	...	N	2	30.02	76.5	...	N	2	
Hakodate	29.80	75.5	...	NW	5	30.06	76.5	...	NNE	1	
Tokyo	29.88	75.0	...	NW	1	30.00	76.0	...	NNE	1	
Kobe	29.92	76.0	...	E	0	29.98	76.1	...	WSW	1	
Nagasaki	29.92	76.0	...	E	0	29.96	76.1	...	NNE	1	
Kagoshima	29.92	76.0	...	S	1	29.92	76.0	...	S	2	
Oshima	29.94	76.5	...	S	2	29.90	76.5	...	S	2	
Naha	29.92	76.0	...	SSW	2	29.96	76.1	...	SSW	1	
Ishigakijima	30.00	76.0	...	N	1	30.03	76.2	...	N	1	
Bonin Island	30.02	76.5	...	ENE	1	30.02	76.0	...	E	2	
Chefoo	29.86	75.8	...	...	...	30.05	76.2	...	...	...	
Shanghai	29.94	76.0	...	NE	2	29.88	75.8	...	ESE	3	
Guttsaff	29.85	75.2	...	SW	2	29.84	75.2	...	ESE	3	
Wenchow	29.82	75.4	...	...	...	29.81	75.2	...	...	...	
Foochow	29.77	75.1	...	S	4	29.81	75.2	...	...	...	
Amoy	29.83	75.7	...	ESE	8	29.80	75.9	...	...	...	
Swatow	29.92	76.0	...	...	...	29.89	75.9	...	...	...	
Taihooku	29.98	76.1	...	SW	2	29.89	75.9	...	...	...	
Taihu	29.95	76.0	...	WSW	2	29.89	75.9	...	...	...	
Tainan	30.00	76.4	...	NNW	2	29.88	75.8	...	...	...	
Koshun	29.95	76.3	...	WSW	2	29.83	75.7	...	SSW	2	
Pescadore	29.86	75.8	...	SSW	3	29.84	75.7	...	SSE	3	
Hong Kong	29.87	75.7	...	S	3	29.78	75.5	...	...	...	
Gap Rock	29.83	75.7	...	SW	2	29.79	75.6	...	...	...	
Macao	29.86	75.8	...	NW	1	29.89	75.9	...	...	...	
Holhu	29.80	75.5	...	SW	2	29.76	75.5	...	...	...	
Pratas Island	29.77	75.1	...	S	6	29.79	75.7	...	SE	7	
Phulion	29.78	75.4	...	SSE	2	...	...	...	...	...	
Tourane	29.86	75.8	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	
Cape St. James	29.85	75.9	...	SW	4	29.88	75.8	...	...	...	
Basco	29.84	75.9	...	S	2	...	...	...	...	...	
Aparri	29.83	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Tuguegarao	29.85	75.9	...	W	0	...	...	...	...	...	
Vigan	29.84	75.8	...	NNW	4	29.88	75.8	...	...	...	
Manila	29.84	75.8	...	NNE	2	29.86	75.5	...	...	...	
Legaspi	29.78	75.6	...	SSW	2	...	...	...	...	...	
Calbayog	29.84	75.9	...	S	2	...	...	...	...	...	
Tacloban	29.85	75.9	...	NE	4	29.88	75.8	...	...	...	
Iloilo	29.82	75.7	...	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	
Cebu	29.83	75.7	...	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	
Surigao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Saipan	11.00	...	...	NE	4	4.22	...	...	...	...	
Guam	12.22	29.84	75.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Yap	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	29.88	75.7	...	...	...	
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	

February 3d, 10.4. 15m.—The anticyclone is central over S. Manchuria.

A depression is shown over S.W. China and N. Indo-China.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

inch, against an average of 1.45 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 4.

Forecast.

1.—Formosa Channel ..... Light, variable winds.

2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook } S. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some

3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ..... light rain.

4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan }

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 3.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 4 p.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer... 29.83 29.81 29.81

Temperature... 78 74 75

Humidity... 81 84 81

Wind—Direction SSW S SSW

Force 0 0 0

Weather ... 0 0 0

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 81.75

Lowest open-air Temperature, 81.71

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From February 4 to 10, 1931.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week Day of Month Hong Kong Standard Time Height Hong Kong Standard Time Height

Wed. 4 11.34 4.3 04.42 8.1

Thur. 5 11.55 4.3 05.21 8.1

Fri. 6 12.27 5.0 06.00 8.5

Sat. 7 12.55 7.3 17.11 27

Sun. 8 13.00 5.1 18.09 16

Mon. 9 13.35 5.3 19.18 21

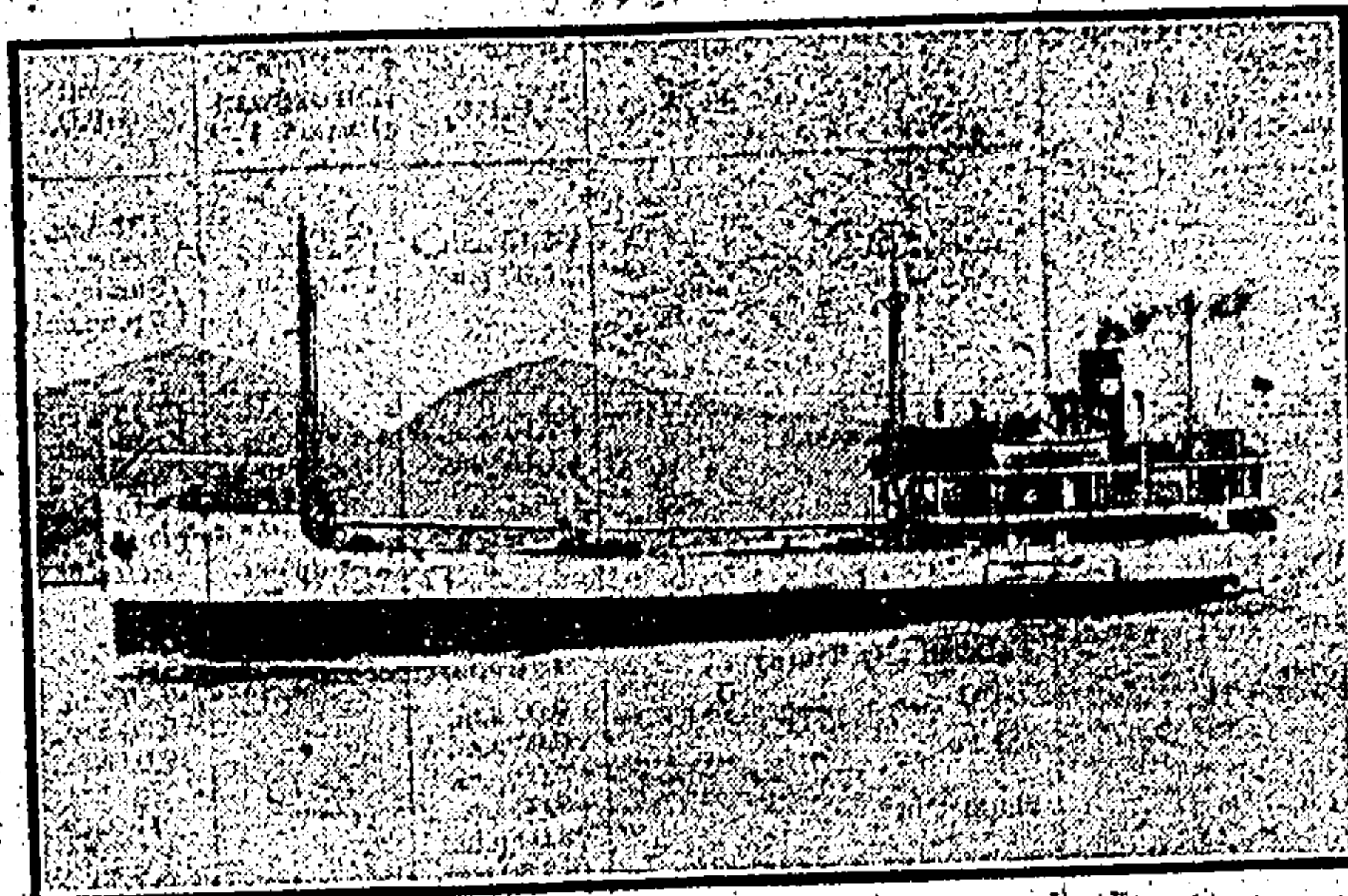
Tue. 10 14.12 5.4 20.47 25

14.55 5.6 23.38 24

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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG" "KUMSANG" "SUISANG"	Satur. 14th Feb. at 3 p.m. Tues. 3rd Mar. at 3 p.m. Mon. 9th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via AMOI	"NAMSANG"	Satur. 7th Feb. at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Wed. 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI AND KOBE	"HOSANG"	Tues. 3rd Mar. at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Fri. 13th Feb. at Noon Satur. 21st Feb. at Noon
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 35.—Diplomacy.  
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 49.—Happening.  
 51.—Italian river.  
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 61.—By.  
 62.—Behold.  
 64.—Pronoun.  
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